

## Regulation Minerva Prize

### **Aim of the prize**

The Minerva Prize was established to raise awareness of the research of female physicists. The prize is awarded to the woman with the best physics publication. The Minerva Prize is a tribute, and the laureate serves as an inspiring example for other women.

### *The prize*

The prize consists of a statuette as well as a sum of € 5,000 that the laureate can spend as she wishes. The Minerva Prize is awarded once every two years.

### **Candidacy**

The Minerva Prize is aimed at Dutch women (working in the Netherlands or abroad) or foreign women who have published an article about research that they performed in the Netherlands. Only women who have not previously received the Minerva Prize are eligible as candidates. Suitable candidates have made a substantial contribution to the publication concerned.

Only articles of outstanding quality, published in a peer-reviewed journal (since the previous deadline prior to the closing date for the nomination of candidates) which are about a physics subject are eligible for a Minerva Prize.

Anybody can nominate candidates by means of a written submission. This should provide a clearly argued description of the merits of the candidate with respect to the publication in question, especially if the publication has more than one author. The case for the candidate can also refer to the assessment criteria. Eight copies of the publication concerned should be enclosed with the nomination. The documents can be sent to NWO Utrecht, attn. Ir. Anouk de Hoogh, P.O. Box 3021, 3502 GA Utrecht. The list of candidates will not be published.

### **Assessment criteria**

The following criteria will be used for the selection of the winner:

- the new insights presented in the article;
- the research method used;
- how the research is presented in the article.

### **Selection procedure**

#### *Selection committee*

The selection committee is the NWO Physics/f Committee that comprises about six experts from the world of science. This committee has the task of issuing an advice to the board of the ENW domain of NWO about the awarding of the prize based on the assessment criteria.

#### *Awarding*

The board of the ENW domain of NWO takes a decision about the awarding of the prize based on the selection committee's advice. The selection procedure is confidential, and no correspondence is entered into concerning the outcome of the selection.

#### *Timeframe*

- The deadline for applications is 1 April of odd-numbered years.
- The winner is announced in October.
- The prize is awarded in January at Physics@Veldhoven.

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