

Call for nominations

Danubius Young Scientist Award 2021

Background

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the intention to honour individuals with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region.

The Award

In 2020, this award will be complemented for the eighth time, with a specific price for young scientists – the **Danubius Young Scientist Award**. This award will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region** [Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania, and the Ukraine].

The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover, the award encourages young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube Region.

The award will be endowed with 1,350 Euros for each winner of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

An award ceremony is planned for **October/November 2021**, the details of which will be announced in due time.

Moreover, thanks to the ongoing kind support by the JRC, the awardees will be invited by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to visit the **JRC in Ispra, Italy** in 2022.

Award Criteria

- **Scientific excellence** and **innovative approach of the academic work**
- Thematic relevance of the scientific work for issues/problems of the **Danube region**
- Relevance of the scientific work **beyond the national borders**
- **Potential of the candidate** (for example: integration in international networks, participation in scientific projects, publication history, experience in teaching etc.)
- No formal age limit – **BUT** Limitation to participants that have received their Master/PhD max. 5 years ago (= after 1st of January 2016)
- Submissions of candidates holding only a **bachelor degree will not be accepted**

Document Submission

Documents have to be submitted in **English language** (exception: copy of the academic title received) and have to consist of the following parts:

- Maximum two pages **summary of the scientific work** (e.g. thesis, dissertation, journal article, scientific publication etc.) and its specific relevance for the Danube Region
- **Curriculum Vitae** including publication list of the candidate (max. 3 pages)
- **Copy of the document** related to the award of the highest academic title received (to verify the criteria of max. 5 years after master degree or PhD degree).

Please consolidate/merge parts A) and B) into one file (preferably in pdf format), while C) the copy of the academic degree can be a separate document.

Nominations will be accepted in electronic format and in **English language** only.

Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to:
d.martinek@idm.at

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, 30th April 2021 at 23:59.**

Selection process

Candidates for the Danubius Young Scientist Award can **come from all scientific disciplines.**

The nomination of the award candidate **cannot be made by the candidate himself/herself but he or she has to be nominated by their hosting scientific organization** (university, academy of sciences, research organization etc.).

The number of nominations per organization is limited to three, meaning every university, academy of sciences or research organization etc. can nominate up to a maximum of three candidates in total. However, the three candidates have to come from different faculties or departments, institutes or research groups within the organization **(so please ensure an internal coordination in your organization e.g. via the rectorate or management).**

An international expert jury will be established that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for determining a final ranking list.

The highest ranked candidate from each country of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.