

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2026 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

UCT internal deadline: Monday, 23 June 2025, 09h00

L'ORÉAL-UNESCO deadline: Friday, 4 July 2025

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The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Awards recognize and support eminent women in science throughout the world. Each year, five Laureates are recognized for their contributions to the advancement of science, in Life and Environmental Sciences or Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science in alternating years.

The 2026 edition of the awards will honour five outstanding researchers for their exceptional contributions to scientific advancement in Life and Environmental Sciences, working in the regions of Africa and the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and North America. One candidate will be selected for each region, the determining factor being the place of work for at least 10 years, not their nationality. Each of the five Laureates will receive an Award of €100,000.

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must:

- Be recognized for her scientific excellence by the international scientific community,
- Be actively involved in scientific research,
- Work in any field within Life and Environmental Sciences (see Appendix 1 for the list).

Selection Criteria

The candidates' selection criteria are the following:

- Outstanding contribution to the advancement of science,
- The impact of research on the current state of the relevant scientific field (number, quality and impact of publications, conference presentations, patents),
- The recognition by peers within her discipline through publications,
- The recognition of commitments to education, teaching activities, mentoring and/or to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals more broadly.

Nomination and submission process

Nominations are submitted through an [online platform](#). The nominator must register or login to the platform to populate the online form and upload the attachments.

The nominator must be an eminent scientist who holds a PhD in Science. They may be Heads of University or Scientific Institutions, Members of Academies of Science, Holders of Research Chairs, Full professors, or Former Laureates of the For Women in Science International Awards. Interested candidates are requested to complete the attached template form and submit to nominators before the deadline along with copies of the compulsory attachments.

Compulsory attachments

1. A detailed **CV** (maximum 2 – 3 pages *fully updated*; to include your scientific social networks and/or websites (such as ResearchGate, ORCID, personal website)).

2. A complete list of **all publications** (starting with the most recent one).
3. A list of the **10 most significant publications** listed in order of importance, and
 - provided a brief summary explaining their significance and why they are so relevant according to the Nominator (less than 150 words per publication),
 - the number of citations for each paper excluding auto-citations, and
 - the impact factor of each journal, if relevant.
 - Add a link to access all the publications mentioned in the list.

Optional: If the links are not available, the publications should be upload in pdf format if possible or at least provide fully detailed references including all the authors.

4. A list of the **most significant patents** (starting with the most recent one).
5. Three to five **letters of recommendation** from eminent scientists outside UCT.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

UCT internal review

The Research Office's internal deadline for technical and editorial review support is **Monday, 23 June**. Interested candidates should email a [complete form](#) and attachments to Amanda.Raman@uct.ac.za by the internal deadline.

Final nomination submission deadline is **Friday, 4th July 2025** (France GMT/UTC + 2h).

APPENDIX 1 - LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES¹

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	BASIC MEDECINE	CLINICAL MEDECINE	HEALTH SCIENCES	HEALTH BIOTECHNOLOGY	EARTH & RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	AGRICULTURE SCIENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biochemistry - Bioengineering - Cell biology - Reproductive biology - Extremophyle biology - Evolutionary biology (Anthropology, Archeobiology) - Human biology - Marine biology, freshwater biology, limnology - Molecular biology - Theoretical and mathematical biology - Biophysics - Biotechnology - Stem cells - Chronobiology - Cryobiology - Ecology - Embriology and Developmental biology - Enzymology - Epigenetics - Ethology - Genetics and heredity - Immunology - Metabolism - Biochemical research methods - Microbiology - Mycology - Neuroscience - Paleonthology - Cell physiology - Biodiversity conservation - Radiobiology - Plant sciences, botany - Symbiosis - Virology - Zoology, Ornithology, Entomology, Behavioral sciences biology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anatomy and morphology - Medicinal chemistry - Human genetics - Immunology - Neurosciences (including psychophysiology) - Pathology - Pharmacology and pharmacy - Physiology (including cytology) - Toxicology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allergy - Andrology - Anesthesiology - Respiratory systems - Surgery - Dentistry, oral surgery and medicine - Dermatology and venereal diseases - Endocrinology and metabolism (including diabetes, hormones) - Gastroenterology and hepatology - Geriatrics and gerontology - Hematology - Peripheral vascular disease - Critical care medicine and Emergency medicine - General and internal medicine - Obstetrics and gynecology - Oncology - Ophthalmology - Orthopedics - Otorhinolaryngology - Pediatrics - Psychiatry - Radiology, nuclear medicine and medical imaging - Rheumatology - Cardiac and Cardiovascular systems - Transplantation - Urology and nephrology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epidemiology - Infectious diseases - Occupational health - Tropical medicine - Nutrition, Dietetics - Parasitology - Public and environmental health - Sport and fitness sciences - Substance abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biomaterials (as related to medical implants, devices, sensors) - Health-related biotechnology - Forensic science - Technologies involving identifying the functioning of DNA, proteins (gene-based diagnostics and therapeutic interventions, pharmacogenomics, gene editing and recombinants) - Technologies involving the manipulation of cells, tissues, organs or the whole organism (assisted reproduction) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contamination & waste management - Ecology - Geochemistry and geophysics - Physical geography - Geology - Geosciences, multidisciplinary - Meteorology and atmospheric sciences - Mineralogy - Oceanography, Hydrology, Water resources - Paleontology - Climatic research - Soil science - Environmental sciences - Volcanology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agriculture - Agronomy, plant breeding and plant protection - Agricultural biotechnology and food biotechnology - Agricultural chemistry - Livestock cloning, marker assisted selection, diagnostics (DNA chips and biosensing devices for the early/accurate detection of diseases) - Animal husbandry - Agricultural engineering - Horticulture, viticulture - Fishery - Phytopathology - Animal and dairy science - Soil science - Veterinary science - Forestry - GM technology (crops and livestock) - Biomass feedstock production technologies, biopharming

¹ This classification of disciplines is based on the Revised field of Science and Technology (FoS) Classification in OECD Frascati Manual and adapted to the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Program