

## 10<sup>th</sup> Call for the 2022 European Young Researchers' Award is now open

The [European Young Researchers' Award \(EYRA\)](#), granted by EuroScience since 2010, aims to inspire early-stage researchers in all research areas to incorporate a European dimension and perspective into their research. Two awards are granted every two years to: a) a PhD candidate and b) a postdoctoral fellow.

The prize-giving ceremony for the two awards is held at the biennial EuroScience flagship event, [EuroScience Open Forum \(ESOF\)](#). The Award consists of a certificate, waiving the participation fee to ESOF, a grant to cover travel and accommodation for the stay in the ESOF city and one year free [EuroScience membership](#).

**The 2022 EuroScience Open Forum is scheduled to be held as a hybrid event in July 2022 in Leiden, The Netherlands, and in several regional hubs across Europe (final dates will be announced).**

### Eligibility Criteria

- The 2022 call is open to early career researchers, who fulfil the following criteria:

**For the PhD Candidate award:** Applicants should have enrolled for a PhD degree at the time of the application deadline or should have successfully defended their thesis after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**For the Postdoctoral fellow award:** Applicants should have successfully defended their thesis after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and should have enrolled in a postdoctoral programme at the time of the application deadline.

- Candidates must be affiliated with a European country (cf. Council of Europe's membership rules)
- European and Non-European nationals are eligible to apply.

### Evaluation Criteria

All applications are evaluated by a Scientific International Committee based on the following criteria:

**1) Quality of the research.** The evaluation will be based on widely accepted academic criteria, such as: publications in peer-reviewed journals, other publications, references, prizes, grants, patents.

**2) European dimension.** The research must have a clear European dimension. It could entail a collaborative project counting with the contribution of several European countries or it could encompass a research project based in one European country with a research topic of European added value.

**3) Project engagement.** The candidate's contribution to research groups or projects, e.g. inspiration to others, further development of a project, leadership experience.

**4) Outreach.** Involvement in dissemination activities for a general audience, e.g. public talks at a local or national level, media appearance, teaching outside academia, research-based social engagement.

## Application procedure and documentation

The deadline for the 2022 call for both awards is **Friday September 17, 2021 at 12:00pm CEST.**

All applications should be submitted online via <https://escmp.euroscience.org/login>

- The **application form** should be filled in English.
- The **cover page** form should be downloaded, completed and included in the online application.
- **Self-nomination** is accepted.

**Required Supporting Documents:** *(to be uploaded under supporting documents)*

- **A Research Outline** describing the research and its European dimension (max 800 words).
- **A Curriculum Vitae** including statement of prizes/awards already received (max 800 words).
- **A list of publications** or other relevant material to support the candidacy.
- **Two reference letters** which should be sent directly to [office@euroscience.org](mailto:office@euroscience.org). It is recommended that the references come from individuals well qualified in the field. At least one of the references should be from a person who has not taken part in or is associated with the research itself.

Applicants who do not have an account will be requested to create one on the [EuroScience Conference and Membership Platform \(ESCMP\)](#). Once registered, click on “Apply for an Award” and follow the application procedure. The field “*Motivation Letter*” may be ignored (write N/A). It is replaced by the Research Outline document, to be uploaded under “*Supporting Documents*”.

All applications should fulfil the **eligibility criteria** and respect the **application procedure** to be considered for evaluation.

For further information please contact the EuroScience office at [office@euroscience.org](mailto:office@euroscience.org).

The winners’ names will be published on the [EuroScience’s website](#).

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