

**Assistant Director-General *ad interim*  
for Sciences**

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National Commissions for UNESCO  
cc:  
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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I am pleased to inform you that within the framework of the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Programme, we have launched the call for nominations for the 2027 International Awards.

The 2027 edition of the Awards will designate five outstanding scientific researchers in Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science. Each of the five Laureates will receive an award of €100,000 for her contribution to advances in scientific research.

Since the beginning of the programme in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Awards have honoured 142 laureates, seven of whom have also won the Nobel Prize.

Scientists worldwide are invited to nominate candidates for the 2027 International Awards, and an international jury of eminent scientists will make the final selection. I would be grateful if you could please transmit this call for nominations to renowned scientists and partner institutions in your country who would be likely to present candidates. The Rules and Regulations for the 2027 edition of the International Awards are enclosed in this letter.

Nominations must be submitted **by Tuesday, 30 June 2026**, via the dedicated online platform: <https://www.forwomeninscience.com/challenge/show/158> . The platform is the only tool for submitting candidates' applications and monitoring the selection process. Paper applications cannot be accepted.

Nominators will need to sign in to the platform and upload all required documents in order to submit the candidate's application. Nominators of previous editions will be asked to reset their password when they first log in, for data security reasons and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. New nominators will need to create a user ID and password.

Thank you for your active participation in ensuring that the best women researchers around the world are recognized and rewarded for their scientific excellence.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Annex: Rules & Regulations for the 2027 L'Oréal-UNESCO International Awards