

FHML-MUMC⁺ upcoming Prize alerts

March/April 2025

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KNAW Early Career Award

The KNAW Early Career Award recognizes innovative and original scientific research and also stimulates the further development of a diverse and broad range of early career researchers in various areas of scientific practice.

- **Award:** An artwork and a cash prize of **€15,000** (designated for own research career)
- **For who?** Young talented researchers who are considered capable of developing innovative and original research ideas. **PhD >3 and <7 years ago**
- **Who can nominate?** KNAW members, De Jonge Akademie members, full professors and research institutes in the Netherlands
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline:** tba – **Call opens April 17**
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June 2025

Athena Award

The Athena Award rewards female researchers that stand out, and because of that, are role models for others. Each year max. 2 winners are appointed within the NWO Domain Science (Earth Sciences, Astronomy, Chemistry, Computer Science, Life Sciences, Physics, Mathematics)

- **Award:** **€50,000**
- **For who?** Female researchers appointed in the fields of science that fall within the NWO Domain Science
- **Who can nominate?** Only female researchers can submit one or more nominations. However, it is not possible to nominate yourself.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline:** **June 15**
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Stairway to Impact Award

The Stairway to Impact Award rewards scientists who take effective steps to utilise their scientific findings to tackle a societal problem and/or to make an economic contribution.

- **Award:** **€50,000**
- **For who?** Scientist
- **Who can nominate?** Anyone can submit a nomination. It is possible to nominate yourself.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline:** **June 12**
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Team Science Award

The Team Science Award rewards the most inspiring and successful team of researchers from various disciplinary fields, who jointly take on a scientific challenge in which their individual strengths and expertise demonstrably reinforce each other.

- **Award: €50,000**
- **For who?** a Team of researchers
- **Who can nominate?** Anyone can submit a nomination. It is possible to nominate your own team.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline: June 12**
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Diversity & Inclusion Initiative Award

The Diversity & Inclusion Initiative Award rewards initiatives related to the improvement of Diversity and Inclusion on the work floor in (natural) scientific disciplines. This award puts (small) initiatives in the spotlight.

- **Award: €50,000**
- **For who?** Multiple people together, of which at least half of the group are researchers
- **Who can nominate?** Anyone can submit a nomination. It is possible to nominate your own initiative.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline: June 12**
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Communication Initiative Award

The communication Initiative Award rewards initiatives of successful and inspiring science communication by scientists.

- **Award: €50,000**
- **For who?** researchers who successfully communicate the results of their research to a broad public
- **Who can nominate?** Anyone can submit a nomination. The (co-)initiator of the initiative that is being nominated may also submit a nomination.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline: June 12**
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August 2025

Novo Nordisk Prize

The Novo Nordisk Prize recognizes an active scientist who has provided outstanding international contributions to advance medical science for the benefit of people's lives. The Prize is intended to award and further support biomedical research in Europe

- **Award: €672,000** (€605,000 research grant and a personal award of €67,000)
- **For who?** Scientist
- **Who can nominate?** Researchers, academic and industrial research institutions
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline: August 1**
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