

FHML-MUMC⁺ upcoming Prize alerts

October 2026

November 2026

KNAW Early Career Partnership

KNAW Early Career Partnerships support early-career researchers in forming interdisciplinary collaborations for insights in basic research. Up to ten are awarded annually, funded by the KNAW Academy Fund.

- **Award:** €10,000 to organize an interdisciplinary meeting.
- **Career phase:** Researcher (PhD awarded between 3-7 years ago)
- **Nominator:** Researcher
- **Internal selection:** No
- **Call opens November 1;** deadline t.b.a.
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UM Staff Award 2026

This award recognises individual employees or teams who make exceptional contributions to Maastricht University or society, going beyond their regular duties. Contributions may relate to governance, research, education, or support services, with a focus on collaboration, impact, and strengthening the UM community.

- **Award:** Certificate and €550 dinner voucher
- **For who?** UM employees or teams with exceptional achievements or impact. Executive Board members, deans, and previous winners are excluded.
- **Who can nominate?** Nominations must be supported by at least three UM colleagues. Self-nomination is not explicitly addressed.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline:** November 2, 2026
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Voltaire Prize 2027

This award recognises young scholars who have made significant contributions to public discourse on tolerance, international understanding, and respect for difference, or who have advocated for academic freedom, freedom of education, and freedom of expression.

- **Award:** €5,000
- **For who?** Young scholars who have made significant contributions to these areas.
- **Who can nominate?** Third parties or organisations. Self-nominations are not permitted.
- **Internal decision:** No
- **Deadline:** November 8, 2026
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January 2027

Faces of Science

Faces of Science showcases PhD students' lives through blogs, videos, and articles, inspiring young people choosing their studies.

- **Award:** Online platform
- **Career phase:** PhD student
- **Nominator:** Every member of the Academy and member or alumnus of The Young Academy and every science or press communicator of a university in the Netherlands may nominate one PhD student a year. NEMO Kennislink may nominate a maximum of ten PhD students a year. If you would like to submit a nomination through NEMO Kennislink, please contact [Jeroen Wiegertjes](#).
- **Internal selection:** No
- **Deadline:** **January 15, 2027**
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