



To
The National Academies of Science

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The Olav Thon Foundation's International Research Award for Mathematics/Natural Sciences and Medicine 2020

The Olav Thon Foundation was established in December 2013. Section 7a) of its Articles of Association states the following about the objectives of the Foundation:

Financial support can be granted for purposes in the field of mathematics/natural sciences and medicine. As part of the funds that the Board may devote to this purpose, the following awards may be given:

An international award of NOK 5 000 000 – NOK five million – can be given for excellent research in the field of mathematics/natural sciences and medicine.

The award is not restricted to candidates from the Nordic countries. The prize may be shared by two, or - in exceptional cases - three persons.



The Foundation has defined the following instructions for the award:

In the field of medicine, special attention will be given to gerontology as well as to studies of brain function and age-related changes in brain.

No special instructions have been defined for mathematics/natural sciences.

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday 5 March 2020 at 18.00 in the University Aula, Oslo, Norway.

The Olav Thon Foundation asks the Academies of Science in the countries listed above to help distribute this invitation to academy members in the fields in question. We wish to emphasize that proposals for candidates may be submitted only by serving professors of mathematics/natural sciences or medicine. Proposals are to be submitted directly by the proposers.

Proposals must be in PDF format – one (1) file only, attachments included - with the file size not exceeding 4 MB. Please use a 12 pt. font size.

Proposals should be sent by **email** to:
Mr. Bjørnar Vold-Sarnes, Special Adviser
Email: bjornar.vold-sarnes@admin.uio.no

Deadline for submission: **15 September 2019.**

For proposals to be taken into consideration they must be accompanied by:

- 1) a detailed justification of the proposal
- 2) a list of publications for the last five years (restricted to publications for which the nominee is lead or senior author) and a list of up to 20 selected publications.
- 3) a curriculum vitae for the nominee.

Submitted material should be in English.



All proposals will be assessed by an Academic Committee of three international members from the academic fields in question. The Academic Committee has been appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Academic Committee's recommendation will be put forward to the Board of Directors of the Olav Thon Foundation for final decision. The Board's decision will be announced on 16 January 2020.

The Board has decided that the identity of nominees should be held in the strictest confidence. We kindly ask you to respect this.

Questions can be addressed to Mr. Bjørnar Vold-Sarnes, Special Adviser. Email: see above. Only written questions will be handled.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Academic Committee
The Olav Thon Foundation