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The Olav Thon Foundation's International Research Award for Mathematics/Natural Sciences and Medicine 2022

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 the brain.

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

The award ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 3 2022, 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: **September 15 2021.**

Proposals taken into consideration 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 a 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.



An Academic Committee of three international members from the academic fields in question will evaluate all the proposals. The Foundation's Board of Directors has appointed the Academic Committee. The Committee will send forward the recommendation to the Board for final decision. The Board will announce their decision on January 13 2022.

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

Address any questions to Mr Bjørnar Vold-Sarnes, Special Adviser.
Email: see above. We will handle only written questions.

Yours sincerely,

Svein Stølen /s. /
Professor, Dr.Scient.
Chair of the Academic Committee
The Olav Thon Foundation