

Call for Nominations

„Danubius Young Scientist Award 2019“

Background

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the intention to honor persons with extraordinary achievements in their scientific activity and output in relation to the Danube Region.

The Award

2019 this award will, for the sixth time, be complemented with a specific price for young scientists – the „Danubius Young Scientist Award“. This award will be granted to **14 young scientists - one in each country that is part of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region** [Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Romania and the Ukraine].

The award seeks to highlight the scientific work and talent of young researchers and enhance the visibility of the scientific community in the region: Moreover, the award encourages young scientists to engage in the scientific examination of the multifaceted issues and questions specifically related to the Danube Region.

The award will be **endowed with 1,200 Euros for each winner** of the Danubius Young Scientist Award.

Award criteria

- **Scientific excellence and innovative approach of the academic work**
- **Thematic relevance of the scientific work for issues/problems of the Danube region**
- **Relevance of the scientific work beyond the national borders**
- **Potential of the candidate (for example: integration in international networks, participation in scientific projects, publication history, experience in teaching etc.)**
- **No formal age limit - BUT limitation to participants that have received their Master/PhD max. 5 years ago (= after 1st of January 2014).**

Submissions of candidates holding only a bachelor degree will not be accepted!

Document submission

Documents have to be submitted in English language (exception: copy of the academic title received) and have to consist of the following parts:

- A. maximum 2 pages summary of the scientific work (e.g. thesis, dissertation, journal article, scientific publication etc.) and its specific relevance for the Danube Region

- B. Curriculum Vitae including publication list of the candidate (max. 3 pages)
- C. Copy of the document related to the award of the highest academic title received (to verify the criteria of max. 5 years after master degree or PhD degree).

Please consolidate/merge parts A) and B) into one file (preferably in pdf format), while C) the copy of the academic degree can be a separate document

Place of submission and deadline

Nominations will be **accepted in electronic format and in English language only.**

Nominations including all relevant documents have to be sent to d.martinek@idm.at.

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Friday, 26th April 2019 at 23:59.**

Selection process

Candidates for the Danubius Young Scientist Award can come from all scientific disciplines.

The nomination of the award candidate cannot be made by the candidate himself/herself but he or she has to be nominated by their hosting scientific organization (university, academy of sciences etc.).

The number of nominations per organization is limited to 3.

However, the three candidates have to come from different faculties or departments, institutes or research groups within the organization.

An international expert jury will be established that will be responsible for assessing all incoming nominations and for determining a final ranking list. The highest ranked candidate from each of the countries of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will be recommended for the award.

It is expected that the **award ceremony** will take place in the context of the Annual Meeting of the Danube Rectors' Conference in **Bucharest in November 2019.**

Moreover, thanks to the ongoing kind support by the JRC, the awardees will be invited by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre to visit the JRC in Ispra, Italy in 2020.