



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE BARCELONA HYPATIA SCIENCE EUROPEAN PRIZE**

### **1. Object and purpose**

The purpose of this call is to regulate the awarding of the sixth edition of the Barcelona Hypatia Science European Prize ("Hypatia Prize" hereinafter). The purpose of this call is to continue with the second three-year cycle of the Prize, in the category of Humanities and Social Sciences.

### **2. Legal framework**

The call is governed by the Regulatory Bases of the Barcelona Ciència Hypatia European Prize, definitively approved by the Deputy Mayor for Economy, Finance, Economic Promotion and Tourism—under the powers delegated by the Mayor's Decree of 17, 2023—on September 5, 2023.

Any matters not covered by the aforementioned rules, shall be subject to the provisions of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, on General Subsidies and the Regulation of the Law on Subsidies, approved by Royal Decree 887/2006, of 21 July. The provisions of the General Regulations governing municipal subsidies, approved by the Plenary of the Municipal Council on 17 December 2010, shall also apply.

### **3. Eligibility of Candidacies**

In this sixth edition, candidacies must fall within the field of knowledge of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Candidacies from the following areas are excluded:

- Science and Technology
- Life and Health Sciences

### **4. Participation requirements**

The prize is aimed at individuals in the field of research, who meet the following criteria:

- They have developed the majority of their research career in a European country.
- Their research career demonstrates excellence and international recognition.
- Their career can be included within the field of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Only one application per candidate will be accepted. If two applications are received for the same candidate, the examining body will contact both proposers in order to agree on a single application. Failing agreement, the first submission will be considered.

## **5. Deadline, form and content for the submission of candidacies**

The deadline for submitting applications will begin the day after the publication of this call in the BOPB and will end after two months.

The application form will be completed as follows:

- a. Proponent 1: A natural person who is a member of the *Academia Europaea* ("AE" hereinafter), a natural person who is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of Barcelona or in a collegiate manner, through the Presidency of the Scientific Advisory Council of Barcelona.
- b. Proponent 2: A natural person who is a member of the AE, acting as a guarantor for the candidacy.

Proponent 1 and proponent 2 must be affiliated with institutions located in different countries, and in no case can they be the same natural person.

The application form to apply for this call must include the following documentation:

1. Basic data, which will include:

- The name and surname of the candidate, and the address or email address for the purposes of notification.
- The name and surname of the candidates proposing the candidacy, as well as their digital signature.

2. A Summary of the candidate's most relevant works, positions and projects.

3. An assessment, carried out by the applicant, of the merits and the social impact of the candidate's research.

This application will be in submission form format and can be found on the Barcelona City Council website and on the website of the Barcelona Hub of the *Academia Europaea*, called *Barcelona Knowledge Hub* ("AE-BKH" hereinafter). Specifically at the address <https://aebarcelona.eu/en/barcelona-hypatia-european-scienceprize/>

Submitting the application for the candidacy implies the acceptance of receiving the communications related to this call at the email address indicated in the application documentation.

In accordance with the provisions of article 7. 5 of the General Regulations Governing Municipal Subsidies, a period of 10 working days will be granted to amend the application in the Department of Science and Innovation.

In the event that it does not meet the requirements established above, indicating that if it is not corrected, the application will be considered withdrawn.

## **6. Prize amount and payment**

The prize amount is €30,000, which will be paid by Barcelona City Council, under budget application 0706-48101-43011 for the 2024 financial year, extended to 2025.

This amount will be subject to the applicable taxes and withholdings, in accordance with current tax regulations, at the time of payment.

## **7. Evaluation criteria**

The evaluation criteria that the Evaluation Committee must take into account for its deliberation and decision regarding the different applications received are as follows:

- An extensive career and excellence research career developed primarily in a European country.
- International recognition and demonstrated social impact.
- Contributions that have influenced multiple fields of knowledge, beyond the candidate's primary area of research.

## **8. Competent body for the instruction and resolution of the procedure**

The examining body for the Prize is the Department of Science and Innovation of Barcelona City Council.

The decision to award the Prize lies with the Deputy Mayor's Office or the relevant department responsible for science policy, by delegation from the Mayor's Office (Decree of 17 June 2023).

## **9. Award procedure**

Candidacies must be submitted electronically, through the specific web form to opt for the Award of this call.

Once the submission period ends, it will be verified that each one contains all the documents listed in point 5 of this call and, where appropriate, the correction of incomplete or defective documentation will be required.

Requests for correction or clarification will be made by means of the email provided in the candidacy documentation for the purposes of notifications.

If multiple applications are submitted by the same applicant, only the latest one received within the deadline will be considered.

Accepted applications will be forwarded to the Evaluation Committee, which will issue a mandatory report for the proposed resolution.

The Committee's decision will be based on the criteria outlined in section 7 of this call. Deliberations will be recorded in meeting minutes.

If, according to the criteria of the Evaluation Committee, none of the nominations presented meets the quality or requirements necessary to be awarded, the Prize may be declared void.

Once the award proposal has been obtained, the examining body will contact the person chosen by the Evaluation Committee, to find out if they accept the award. If declined, the Evaluation Committee will propose an alternative or may declare the Prize void.

Once the award has been accepted, the examining body will submit the proposal for awarding the Award to the body competent to decide. The resolution will be published in the BOPB, on the websites of Barcelona Science and Innovation and the AE-BKH.

## **10. Appointment, composition and performance of the Evaluation Committee**

An Evaluation Committee will be responsible for evaluating the candidacies presented. Its assessment will allow the investigating body to issue the proposed resolution. The body competent to make a decision will appoint the members of said Committee as follows:

- Two members proposed by the Department of Science and Innovation.
- Two members proposed by the AE-BKH.
- One member jointly appointed by the AE-BKH and the Department of Science and Innovation, who will play the role of chairing the Committee.
- One member jointly appointed by the AE-BKH and the Department of Science and Innovation, acting as Secretary with voice but no vote.

Committee membership will be published on the AE-BKH website.

Gender balance must be maintained, defined as 60% - 40% minimum representation of each gender.

If a member of the Evaluation Committee cannot attend the final meeting, he or she may delegate his or her participation in the deliberations and vote to another member.

The deliberation meetings of the Evaluation Committee will be held in the city of Barcelona and may be conducted virtually by a majority agreement of the members of the Committee.

## **11. Final act, prizes and awards ceremony**

The Barcelona City Council, through the Department of Science and Innovation, will organise the award ceremony during the first quarter of 2026. The date and venue will be announced on the AE-BKH and the Barcelona Ciència websites.

The awardee will be invited to give a lecture at this event about their research career.

## **12. Communications**

Updates regarding the Prize will be published on the AE-BKH and the Barcelona City Council websites.

## **13. Modifications to the call**

The Barcelona City Council reserves the right to modify this call for applications in case for reasons of force majeure.

If this happens, it will always be guaranteed that the modifications respect the rights of participants.

If necessary, the changes will be published in the BOPB and on the Barcelona City Council website.

## **14. Conflict resolution: final provisions**

Any incident or doubt regarding the interpretation of this call, as well as any aspect not regulated in this document, shall be resolved by the Department of Science and Innovation of Barcelona City Council.

Submission of a candidacy for the Prize does not oblige Barcelona City Council to award the Prize, nor does it entitle the person or persons applying for it to receive it.

The Barcelona City Council may carry out all the necessary verifications to guarantee the proper functioning and reputation of the award, before and after awarding it, especially regarding the authenticity of submitted documents.

## **15. Appeals system**

An appeal for reversal may be lodged against this call, which exhausts the administrative channels under Article 172.2.a) of the Municipal and Local Regime Law of Catalonia approved by Legislative Decree 2/2003, of 28 April, by virtue of Articles 123 and 124 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. The call may also be challenged directly before the contentious-administrative jurisdictional order, under Article 46 of Law 29/1998, of 13 July, regulating contentious-administrative jurisdiction.

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