



Call for Nominations for the

Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize

awarded by the Barcelona City Council in
collaboration with the Academia Europaea-Barcelona
Knowledge Hub

Seventh Edition: Sciences and Technology

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The Academia Europaea-Barcelona Knowledge Hub (AE-BKH) is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for the seventh edition of the **Barcelona Hypatia European Science Prize**, awarded by the Barcelona City Council in collaboration with the AE-BKH.

This Prize, in the amount of 30,000 euros, recognises an outstanding researcher who has achieved a career of excellence at the highest international level in Europe and has made a significant contribution toward different fields of knowledge, as well as a positive impact on society.

The seventh edition of the Prize will recognise a research career in the Experimental Sciences and Technology, including mathematics.

The name of the Prize, Hypatia, gives homage to **Hypatia of Alexandria** (c. 355-415), a woman philosopher and scientist who successfully bridged and disseminated all scholarly disciplines known during her time and who, for this same reason, was assassinated by the forces of ignorance and fanaticism.

Criteria and procedures for the Prize are as follows:

- **Documents and deadlines:** The call for nominations is open from 15th of June 2026, until August 17th, 2026. Nominations must be filled from Academia Europaea website at <https://aebarcelona.eu/en/barcelona-hypatia-european-science-prize/seventh-edition-2026>. No nominations will be accepted past the final deadline of August 27th, 2026.

- **Candidates and Nominators:**

- a. Nominator 1: this figure may be held by an individual from the Academia Europaea, an individual from the Scientific Advisory Council of Barcelona (CAC from now on) or the CAC collectively, via its presidency or secretariat.

- b. Nominator 2: this figure must be a natural person from the Academia Europaea, who will endorse the candidature.

Under no circumstances can Proposer 1 and Proposer 2 be the same natural person.

The two nominating must be from different countries. **The Candidate does NOT have to be a MAE, nor a native of a European country**, but she/he must have developed her/his career mostly in Europe.

- **Areas of knowledge:** The Prize will follow a three-year cycle and will rotate each year among three major areas of knowledge: a) Science and Technology, b) Life and Health Sciences, c) Humanities and Social Sciences, as reflected in the current sections of the AE and in the different areas of the European Research Council (ERC). The seventh edition of the Prize will recognize a research career in Experimental Science and Technology, including mathematics.
- **Jury:** The Prize winner will be selected by an **International Jury** during 2026. The Jury will consist of five members: two designated by Academia Europaea, two by the Barcelona City Council, and one, who will serve as president of the Jury, appointed jointly by Academia Europaea and by the Barcelona City Council. At least two members of the Jury will be women.
- **Selection:** The Prize winner will be selected: for her/his research activities in Europe, on the bases of experience, career path and excellence; for the highest international level of her/his career and for the return it has generated to society, improving the quality of life of people; and for the impact on society and contribution toward different fields of knowledge that her/his career has made. At least one of the Prize winners in each three-year period will preferably be a woman. The Prize may be declared void by the Jury if deemed necessary.
- **Notification:** The proposed winner will be notified personally by the AE-BKH after the meeting of the Jury of the Prize (held either online or in person, depending on the circumstances).
- **Award ceremony:** The Barcelona City Council, with the approval of the President of the Barcelona Municipal Institute of Culture, will publish the decision of the Jury before December 31, 2026, and will organize an award ceremony before June 30th, 2026. The Prize will consist of a commemorative plaque and a monetary award of 30,000 euros.



- **Prize lecture:** The Prize winner will be invited to deliver a lecture on her/his research career, during the aforementioned award ceremony. Details of the event, including the date, time and place, will be announced by the AE-BKH on its website.
- **Disclosure:** Any changes will be announced with sufficient advance warning on the AE-BKH website and, if deemed necessary, by personally notifying participants. The award ceremony and prize lecture, as well as jury deliberations, may be held in hybrid, as required by the circumstances.