

Announcement Call for nominations „Danubius Young Scientist Award 2016“

BACKGROUND:

The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) 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:

2016 this award will, for the third 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, Czech Republic, 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 themselves 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 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 2011). 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 3 pages summary of the scientific work
(e.g. thesis, dissertation, journal article, scientific publication etc.)
- B) 1/2 page statement explaining the relevance of the work for the Danube Region and as appropriate the relevance beyond national borders
- C) Curriculum Vitae including publication list of the candidate (max. 3 pages)
- D) 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 to D into one file (preferably in pdf format).

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:
a.winkler@idm.at
- The deadline for submitting nominations is **Tuesday 17th of May 2016 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.

Every university, academy of sciences or research organization etc. can nominate up to a maximum of three candidates in total; 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 October/November 2016, probably in the context of a high level scientific event by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre supporting the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.