



# KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN

## Regulations Academy Professor Prize of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

### *Section 1: General*

The Academy Professor Prize [*Akademiehoogleraar*] was established with effect from 2010 as a continuation of the Academy Professors Programme. The Prize is awarded for the recipient's overall work and is intended for outstanding researchers. The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) intends the Prize to promote the quality and interests of science and scholarship.

### *Section 2: Awards and nomination*

1. Two prizes are awarded annually – one to one of the most outstanding researchers in the humanities and social sciences and one to one of the most outstanding researchers in the natural, technical or life sciences – for his/her exceptional performance in these fields. The Prize is one million euro's, of which 25,000 is paid to the winner personally to use as he/she sees fit. The sum of 975,000 euro's is paid out (over five years) to his/her research institution to be used to finance scientific or scholarly research.
2. Persons may qualify for the Prize if their primary appointment is with a Dutch research institution (or if they will be appointed to such an institution within the foreseeable future) and they are between the ages of 54 and 59 on the final day for proposals (1 October).
3. The following bodies may nominate candidates for the Prize:
  - The Boards of the Dutch universities;
  - The Board of the Dutch Network of Women Professors [*Landelijk Netwerk Vrouwelijke Hoogleraren*];
  - The Council of Directors of the Academy's research institutes;
  - The General Director of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) on behalf of the NWO's research institutes.Members of the Board of the Academy are ineligible for nomination (whether active or passive).
4. Two nominations may be made by each institution, one for the humanities and social sciences and one for the natural, technical or life sciences. The nomination must be in English and accompanied by an English-language curriculum vitae of the candidate and an up-to-date list of his/her most important publications. Nominations must be submitted to the Board of the Academy by no later than 1 October each year.

### *Section 3: Assessment Committee*

1. The Board of the Academy will appoint two multidisciplinary international assessment committee each consisting of four members of foreign academies – or members of the scientific/scholarly community of comparable stature – from the humanities or social sciences and from the natural, technical or life sciences. The Board of the Academy will appoint the members of the assessment committee for a term of office of three (3) years. One assessment committee will be chaired by the chair of the board of the Academy's Humanities and Social Sciences Division [*Afdeling Letterkunde*] and the other by the chair of the board of the Academy's Science Division [*Afdeling Natuurkunde*]. Committee members are ineligible for nomination (whether active or passive).



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2. In order for the Prize to be awarded, the assessment committee will each present a proposal to the Board of the Academy, by no later than 1 May, with one recommendation being for a candidate from the humanities or social sciences and one for a candidate from the natural, technical, or life sciences. Each proposal will be accompanied by reasons why it should be approved.

## *Section 4: Selection criteria*

1. Assessment of the proposed candidates will take place on the basis of the following criteria:  
The unique contribution that the researcher has made to the development of his/her discipline, assessed on the basis of:
  - a. the most notable scientific or scholarly insights, innovations, or other contributions to the field that the candidate has made;
  - b. the quality of the candidate's research output;
  - c. the quantity of the candidate's research output;
2. National and international recognition of the candidate, assessed on the basis of:
  - a. the researcher's reputation within the Dutch and foreign research communities, as shown, for example, by his/her membership of national and international scientific or scholarly committees and academies/societies; editorships; prizes awarded;
  - b. the researcher's national and international experience and expertise, as shown, for example, by contacts and partnerships with leading researchers and institutions in the Netherlands and abroad.
3. The jury's decision on the proposal to the Board of the Academy of each candidate for the Prize will be by a majority vote, including the chair. If the vote is tied, the chairperson will decide the matter.

## *Section 5: Expenditure and financial accounting*

1. In the year the Prize is awarded (for the first time in 2011), the sum of 25,000 euro's will be transferred to the winner's personal account for him/her to use as he/she sees fit.
2. In the first quarter of each of the ensuing five (5) years (for the first time in 2012), the research institution that carries out the management and administration will receive the sum of 200,000 euro's; in the last of those five years, that sum will be reduced by the sum of 25,000 euro's that was paid out in the year when the Prize was awarded. The institution concerned must make these funds available for the purpose of the research carried out by the Academy Professor. The Academy Professor will have the final decision on how the funds are to be used.
3. The research institution must inform the Academy, within six (6) months after the end of the five-year period, of all use made of the funds throughout the whole of that period. This final account must be drawn up by the financial department that administers the prize money and must be accompanied by a statement by an external auditor.

## *Section 6: Changes during Academy professorship*

1. Should the research be terminated during the five-year period due to the illness or death of the Academy Professor, the remaining non-committed portion of the Prize must be repaid to the Academy.
2. If the Academy Professor accepts a position at a different Dutch university or research institution or at a foreign university or research institution, he/she must immediately inform the Academy with respect to detailed arrangements being made regarding the allocation of the



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funds.

The parties concerned – i.e. the research institutions and the Academy Professor – must make reasonable arrangements regarding part of the non-committed portion of the remaining amount of the Prize being allocated to the new institution concerned. The original institution will draw up a final account within the meaning of Section 6(3). The new research institution of the Academy Professor will accept all the rights and obligations associated with the Prize.

*Section 7: Award ceremony and evaluation*

1. The Prize will be awarded during a public meeting of the Academy.
2. Internal evaluation will take place in the second half of 2018 and a decision will then be taken by the Board of the Academy regarding continuation of the Prize.

*Section 8: Final provisions*

All cases not provided for in these Regulations will be decided by the Board of the Academy.

*Section 9: Commencing date*

These regulations will take effect on 1 April 2014.

*Adopted at the meeting of the General Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences on 29 March 2010 and changed by the Board of the Academy at 4 November 2013.*