

**Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education**

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris has Called for applications for the 2023 edition of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science. The Relevant details are on the next page.

The applications should be submitted through visiting UNESCO website and may be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by **20th July, 2023** at the following address for further consideration and onward transmission to UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

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To Permanent Delegates and
Observers to UNESCO

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO

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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my honour to invite your country, in consultation with your National Commission, to submit a nomination for the 2023 edition of the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularization of Science.

Jointly funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Government of the State of Orissa of India, and the Indian Government, this Prize aims to recognise an individual, institution, non-governmental organization (NGO) or other entity that has made a significant contribution to the popularization of science or technology and has helped interpret science and technology for the public and contributed to bridging the gap between science and society. This science popularization can include all forms of media communication.

Candidates should be nominated by Member States, in consultation with their National Commissions for UNESCO. It is suggested that the nominations can be based upon the recommendations of national associations for the advancement of science, academies of science, national associations of science writers and scientific journalists, or any other associations working in the field of science and the popularization of science. Unsolicited applications by individuals, which are not supported by Member States or NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, cannot be considered.


The application process will take place online via the following link <https://www.unesco.org/en/prizes/popularization-science/nomination-process>.

Applicants are required to request access to the online application platform by creating an account, in advance of submission of their application. The deadline for reception by UNESCO of the complete applications is **30 July 2023**.

The Guidelines for applications and General Rules of the Prize are hereby attached.

For more information and updates please visit the web page of the Kalinga Prize at: <https://www.unesco.org/en/prizes/popularization-science> or contact the Secretariat at UNESCO via Kalinga-Prize@unesco.org.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of highest consideration.


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**GUIDELINES AND GENERAL RULES:
UNESCO KALINGA PRIZE FOR THE POPULARIZATION OF SCIENCE 2023**

Purpose

The Kalinga Prize rewards the contribution of an individual, institution, non-governmental organization (NGO) or other entity that has made a significant contribution to the popularization of science or technology and has helped interpret science and technology for the public and contributed to bridging the gap between science and society. This science popularization can include all forms of media communication. The individual/institution/NGO is expected to be knowledgeable of the role of science, technology and general research in the improvement of the public welfare, the enrichment of the cultural heritage of nations and solutions to the current global challenges.

Donors and Prize

The Prize is funded by the Kalinga Foundation Trust, the Government of the State of Orissa (India), and the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology). It will be awarded by the Director-General of UNESCO during UNESCO's General Conference in November 2023.

The award consists of a monetary prize in the amount of US\$40,000, an award certificate, and the UNESCO-Albert Einstein medal. The winner will also receive the Kalinga Chair, established by the Government of India (Department of Science and Technology) which comprises a certificate and cash award of US\$5,000. He/she will be invited to travel to India (travel and accommodation will be supported by the Government of India), for a two to four-week period to interact with scientists and science communicators. He/she will also be invited to visit Indian universities, and attend meetings within India's scientific societies, particularly those of the Indian Science Congress Association. While in India, the Prize-winner will be asked to deliver lectures (in English), and to take part in meetings in order to present recent progress in science and technology as well as the social, cultural and educational impacts of modern science.

If a work being rewarded has been produced by two or three persons, the monetary prize shall be shared equally between them. The prize may not be shared by more than three persons.

The winner will be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO upon the recommendation of an international jury. The jury will present the results of their deliberations to the UNESCO Director-General in September 2023 and issue their recommendation for the winner/s.

The prize-winner/s, will be invited to give a lecture on a subject relevant to the work for which the prize has been awarded, during or in connection with the Prize ceremony.

Application process

Applications, together with all the necessary supporting documents shall be completed online at: <https://www.unesco.org/en/prizes/popularization-science/nomination-process>, by the deadline of **30 July 2023**.

Each application, whether submitted by an individual, or by the nominating Member State or NGO in official partnership with UNESCO, should include the following documents and information (in English or French):

- a. A nomination letter addressed to the UNESCO Director-General from a) the government of the Member State, in consultation with their National Commissions, or b) from NGOs in official partnerships with UNESCO. Self-nomination without the appropriate nomination cannot be considered;
- b. A description of the candidate's background and achievements;

- c. A summary of the actions and/or the results of the work on the popularization of science, publications, and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration; and
- d. A summary and explanation of the way in which the actions and work submitted has contributed to the Prize's objective.

Individual applicants should contact the [Permanent Delegation](#) of their Member State to UNESCO, their [National Commission](#) for UNESCO, or the relevant [NGO](#) to endorse their application.

More information

For further information, please visit the UNESCO-Kalinga webpage: <https://www.unesco.org/en/prizes/popularization-science/about> or contact the Secretariat via email: Kalinga-Prize@unesco.org.