



L'Oréal Portugal Honor Medals for Women in Science Regulation

The L'Oréal Portugal Honor Medals for Women in Science were created by *L'Oréal Portugal*, together with the National Commission of UNESCO (CNU) and the Foundation for Science and Technology, I.P (FCT), with the aim of promoting the participation of women in Science, encouraging the youngest and most promising scientists, at the beginning of their career, to carry out advanced studies in the domain of **Sciences, Engineering and Technologies for Health or for the Environment**. For the pursuit of this purpose, four “Medals of Honor” are instituted annually, which will be awarded in accordance with this Regulation.

Article 1

Scope and Object

1. The L'Oréal Portugal Honor Medals for Women in Science intend to carry out advanced studies of scientific research, at the post-doctoral level and in the domain of Sciences, Engineering and Technologies for Health or for the Environment, in an institution of the national scientific and technological system.
2. Four Medals are instituted annually, with a unit value of € 15,000.

Article 2

Procedure

The attribution of these "Medals of Honor" will be made through the opening of a public call,

announced on digital platforms and through the authorized contact network of L'Oréal Portugal, the National Commission of UNESCO and the FCT.

Article 3

Submission of Applications

1. All applicants who have obtained a doctoral degree less than 5 years before the date of the opening of the call and who do not complete, by the end of the current year, over 35 years of age can apply.
2. For the purposes of the call, the limits indicated in the previous point are extended, depending on the number of children of the applicants (1 year for each child), provided the identification documents (scanned) of each child are included in the application.
3. Proposals involving activities that cause suffering to animals are not accepted, and it is up to the Jury to deliberate on this matter.
4. If animal experimentation is an essential resource for the achievement of the objectives of the proposed work, it must be previously approved by the Ethics Committee of the institution where the work will be developed, and the applicant may be required to present proof thereof.
5. Applications, containing original scientific research proposals, must be submitted by completing the application form available through the electronic address indicated in the Notice of the Call for Proposals and include the following scanned documents:
 - a) Curriculum vitae with detailed list of scientific publications
 - b) Letter of recommendation from the scientific advisor
 - c) Citizen Card or other legal identification document
 - d) PhD certificate
 - e) Children's Citizen Card or other legal identification document, if applicable.
6. Proposals must be focused on the research work to be developed by the applicant (although it may be part of a larger research project), with an expected duration between 12 and 24 months, and with a start date scheduled between 1 September of the calendar year to which the call for tenders relates and 31 January of the following year.
7. Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline set in the Opening Notice will not be considered.

Article 4

Evaluation

1. Applications are evaluated by a Jury appointed by FCT, consisting of scientists of recognized merit in the scientific domains of the call.
2. The Jury is sovereign in its decisions, with no right to appeal.
3. The Jury may decide not to award the L'Oréal Portugal Honor Medals for Women in Science
4. The decision of the Jury will be communicated, in writing, by e-mail, to all applicants.

Article 5

Final provisions

1. The Medals will be awarded at a ceremony organized for this purpose.
2. The distinguished applicants are part of the communication and activities program associated with it, provided in due course by L'Oréal Portugal.
3. The monetary value of each Medal may be freely applied by the distinguished applicants in the development of the proposed research work, in the dissemination of the results obtained, or in another application that they consider relevant to the promotion of their research career.