

## STATUTE ESET Science Award

### Preamble

The ESET Foundation, in cooperation with ESET, spol. s r. o.:

1. being acutely aware of the key significance of science in the development and prosperity of society,
2. intending to focus its efforts to enhance scientists' motivation to achieve internationally acclaimed scientific results,
3. with the intention also to enhance the recognition of Slovak scientists' results at an international level and thus to elevate the prestige of Slovak science globally,

has decided to support the Slovak science community and the overall development of Slovakia by introducing a prestigious annual award: **ESET Science Award**.

### ART. 1

#### Categories

**The award is granted to individuals in two categories:**

1. Outstanding individual contributor to Slovak science
2. Exceptional young scientist in Slovakia under the age of 35

One award is granted in each category once per year.

### ART. 2

#### Nomination criteria in the respective categories

##### 1. Outstanding individual contributor to Slovak science

- a) The award is granted to an individual whose work results have contributed exceptionally to highlighting Slovak science in the European or global science area, and which have a remarkable actual or potential impact on their respective scientific field;
- b) The nominee must be a scientist associated with an Organisation that is demonstrably involved in science and research (particularly Slovak universities, institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, sectoral research departments, legal persons with registered offices in Slovakia) ("Organisation"). Furthermore, he/she must have been the Organisation's employee, shareholder, member, statutory body or a member of the statutory body, proxy, permanent public service employee or an employee performing work in the public interest, for not less than three years before the date of closing of the nominations, whereby the vast majority of the scientific results for which they were nominated, must have been achieved within the Organisation;
- c) The nominee must operate in one of the scientific fields 1.-4., as defined by the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 1055/2003 - 11 dated 5 August 2003 concerning research and development disciplines and the code list of research and development disciplines;

- d) The nominee must be regarded as an outstanding scientist in their respective scientific field (“Nominee’s expertise”);
- e) The Nominee’s expertise is demonstrated by the following criteria:
  - i) authorship or co-authorship of a significant published work or published works with verifiable impact on the global research area;
  - ii) citations in acknowledged Current Content journals with a verifiable impact on the global research area;
  - iii) involvement in international research projects with a verifiable impact on the global research area;
  - iv) enhancing the professional recognition of Slovak science and research abroad in a manner other than outlined above;
  - v) contribution of the scientific research work with an impact on the society.
- f) An important criterion is also the nominee’s verifiable exceptional contribution to Slovak society;
- g) An award laureate may be nominated again three years after obtaining the award.

## **2. Exceptional young scientist in Slovakia under the age of 35**

- a) The award is granted to a young scientist whose activity may be regarded as an exceptional contribution to the Slovak scientific field with great future potential;
- b) The nominee must be a scientist who has successfully concluded doctoral studies and who is not older than 35 years as of the calendar year of their nomination. He/she must have been cooperating with the same Organisation for not less than three years before the date of closing of the nominations in the respective year;
- c) The nominee must operate in one of the scientific fields 1.-4., as defined by the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 1055/2003 – 11 dated 5 August 2003 concerning research and development disciplines and the code list of research and development disciplines;
- d) The nominee’s expertise must be demonstrated by fulfilment of at least two criteria listed in Article 1 let. e) points i) to iv) and at all times by the criterion listed in Article 1 let. e) point v);
- e) An important criterion is also the nominee’s verifiable exceptional contribution in the respective research field on a global level of science in the respective field;
- f) The award laureate may only be granted the award once.

### **ART. 3**

#### **Submission of nominations in the respective categories:**

##### **1. Outstanding individual contributor to Slovak science**

- A scientist who meets the conditions may nominate himself/herself, or he/she can be nominated by the Organisation with which he/she is cooperating, with his/her consent;
- Nominations are submitted electronically in English by filling out the form on the ESET Science Award webpage ([www.ESETScienceAward.sk](http://www.ESETScienceAward.sk)).

##### **2. Exceptional young scientist in Slovakia under the age of 35**

- The nomination may be submitted by the direct superior/manager in the nominee’s organisation with the nominee’s consent;
- A scientist who meets the conditions may not nominate himself/herself;
- Nominations are submitted electronically in English by filling out the form on the ESET Science Award webpage ([www.ESETScienceAward.sk](http://www.ESETScienceAward.sk)).

### **ART. 4**

#### **Assessment of the award nominations**

Laureates of the award in the categories “Outstanding individual contributor to Slovak science” and “Exceptional young scientist in Slovakia under the age of 35” are selected from 10 finalists by an international committee comprised of selected international experts (“International Committee”), the members of which are published annually on the ESET Science Award webpage ([www.ESETScienceAward.sk](http://www.ESETScienceAward.sk)). Selecting the 10 finalists is ensured by the ESET Foundation via committees comprised of experts from various scientific fields.

**ART. 5****ESET Science Award schedule**

The ESET Science Award will be granted annually starting from the year 2019. Nominations may be submitted until 30 April of the respective calendar year. Award laureates are announced during the celebratory gala evening in October of the respective calendar year.

**ART. 6****Awards in the respective categories****1. Outstanding individual contributor to Slovak science**

The laureate receives a financial prize in the amount of € 100,000. The prize is not bound to any particular purpose. A part of the prize is also a symbolic work of art.

**2. Exceptional young scientist in Slovakia under the age of 35**

The laureate receives a financial prize in the amount of € 5,000. The prize is not bound to any particular purpose. A part of the prize is also a symbolic work of art.

**ART. 7****Consent with the processing of personal data, subsequent communication and media coverage**

By submitting the nomination or giving consent to submitting the nomination, the nominee confirms his/her consent to the nomination and the corresponding obligations as described below:

- Participation in the celebratory gala evening in October of the respective year;
- Presentation of their work within the remit of the scientific award project during activities intended to promote the recognition of the project. The scope of the work presentation will be personally agreed.

By submitting the nomination or giving consent to the submitting of the nomination, the nominee freely and unconditionally consents to the conditions and the ESET Science Award Statute. For the purposes of securing the handling and registration of the submission, assessment by the commission, notifying of the results, organisation of the celebratory gala evening and the handling of its invitations and commercial marketing within the framework of ESET Science Award, the nominee also acknowledges that the ESET Foundation may process personal data which is a part of the nomination and the corresponding documentation. If the nomination is submitted by a third party, the essential condition of the submission is the nominee's consent to the submission. Part of the submission consent is also the nominee's explicit consent to this statute and the conditions of personal data protection as outlined on [www.ESETScienceAward.sk](http://www.ESETScienceAward.sk).

**ART. 8****Final provisions**

This statute had been approved by the ESET Foundation Governing Board and its current wording is available on the ESET Science Award webpage ([www.ESETScienceAward.sk](http://www.ESETScienceAward.sk)).

This statute comes into force on 7 February 2019

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