

Call for entries:

Design and artistic production of a science award trophy

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) is pleased to announce a competition for the design of a statuette or sculpture ("the trophy") which will be presented annually at a research prize award ceremony with a large media presence. The trophy will also serve as the visual identity of the research prize.

About the SNSF

The SNSF is Switzerland's foremost research funding organisation. Mandated by the federal government, the SNSF supports scientific research in all academic disciplines, from the social sciences, humanities and natural sciences to biology and medicine. The SNSF finances over 3,200 projects involving 14,800 researchers each year.

Technical requirements for the trophy

The design of the trophy should have high recognition value and a well-defined silhouette. It should also exhibit a clear connection to the theme of science and research. Suitable materials include glass, crystal, metal or other similar materials typically used in solid statuettes and sculptures. The trophy should be no higher than 30 cm and weigh no more than 3 kg. In addition, the trophy must be designed in such a way as to enable multiple copies to be produced from the same design.

Entries

Submitted designs should visualise the trophy in the form of a (manual or digital) sketch or photo and include information on size and weight. An accompanying written explanation should specify the basic idea behind the artistic design along with a production plan and costs. The visualisation and written explanation should not exceed five A4 pages in total. Contestants should also provide the SNSF with their name and contact information.

The SNSF invites contestants to also submit design proposals of a research prize logo matching the trophy design. The visualisation and written explanation of the logo are to be enclosed on two A4 pages maximum. Design proposals for the logo are optional and not part of the competition.

Competition terms and conditions

- The design competition is open to timely submissions from Switzerland.
- The submitted designs must be the work of the contestant and must not have appeared previously except in relation to this call for entries.

- In the event that their design is chosen as the winning entry, the contestants undertake to transfer to the SNSF all rights of use to the trophy, namely the right to produce the trophy for an unlimited number of prize award ceremonies.
- The SNSF will choose a winning entry from among the submitted designs. Should no design qualify for the trophy, the SNSF reserves the right to award the contract elsewhere.

Competition winners and prize money

The SNSF will award CHF 5,000 in prize money to the winning design contestant. Second and third place will be awarded CHF 3,000 and CHF 2,000, respectively.

The SNSF will inform contestants of the results of the competition. The SNSF will not enter into any correspondence concerning the competition.

Trophy designs may be submitted up to **15 April 2018** by e-mail to strategie@snf.ch with “Ideas competition” in the subject line or by postal letter to:

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