



RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

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«RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation of the Research Promotion Foundation

PROGRAMME

«NURTURING AN RTDI CULTURE»

COMPETITION

«Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2019»

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CULTURE / AWARD-DR / 0119





INTRODUCTION

The Research Promotion Foundation launches the Call for Nominations for the “Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher” of the Programme “Nurturing an RTDI Culture” within the framework of the “RESTART 2016-2020” Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation (RTDI) and invites all interested parties to submit nominations for the award.

GENERAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS INFORMATION

Pillar	III. Transformation of RTDI System
Programme	Nurturing an RTDI Culture
Competition	Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2019
Call Identifier	CULTURE/AWARD-DR/0119
Publication Date	25th January 2019
Deadline	15th March 2019, 13:00

The English version of the Call, though an official translation endorsed by the Research Promotion Foundation, is provided for information purposes only. Only the Greek version of the Call is legally binding and shall prevail in case of any divergence in interpretation.

OBJECTIVES

The Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), in the frame of its activities for recognizing and rewarding research excellence, established an annual Research Award for Cyprus in 2007. In 2013, the Award was modified in order to separately reward young and more experienced researchers, in a parallel attempt to support early-career researchers and promote distinguished scientists active in Cyprus.

The “**Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher**” is granted to excellent scientists with extensive research experience, who conduct research in Cyprus and can demonstrate significant and internationally recognized research results. The Award aims to appraise and promote the work and personality of these distinguished scientists who honour Cyprus through their high-quality research and its impact.

The “Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher” is awarded annually, in rotation, in the following thematic areas¹:

¹ The thematic areas and sub-areas are in correspondence with those of the European Research Council (ERC) <http://erc.europa.eu/evaluation-panels>.



- ⬡ **Life Sciences.**
- ⬡ **Physical Sciences & Engineering.**
- ⬡ **Social Sciences & Humanities.**

For **2019**, the Award will be granted to a researcher active in the field of **Social Sciences & Humanities**².

RESTART 2016-2020 WORK PROGRAMME

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organisations and individuals, the eligible activities and costs, as well as the specific information regarding the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme**, which is the main reference document and an important information source for interested parties. The document is available on the Research Promotion Foundation's **IRIS (Innovation Research Information System) Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

Within the framework of the “Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2019” the following specific conditions, which are not otherwise defined in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme, apply:

Nominees

The nominated researchers for the “Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2019” must hold a PhD and have a minimum of 7 years of research experience since the completion of their PhD and up to the announcement date of the Call.

The nominees may be of any nationality and must have been working in Cyprus on a permanent basis for the last three (3) years in any Research Organisation, Enterprise or other public or private entity located in the areas under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

² The following sub-sectors are included: economics, finance and management, sociology, social anthropology, political science, law, communication, social studies of science and technology, environmental studies, geography, demography, migration, regional and urban studies, cognitive science, psychology, linguistics, education, literature and philosophy, visual and performing arts, music, cultural and comparative studies, archaeology, history and memory.



SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

The researchers should be nominated by another person and be aware of the nomination at the time of submission. There is no restriction on the number of researchers a person may nominate for the Award.

Nominations should be submitted to the Research Promotion Foundation by email at brabeia@research.org.cy by the 15th of March 2019, 13:00 at the latest.

The nominations should be submitted in **English** using the relevant submission form, which is available in RPF's website (<http://www.research.org.cy>) and on the **Electronic Services Portal IRIS** (Innovation and Research Information System) of the Research Promotion Foundation (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

Following the completion of the closure of the Call and submission of nominations, the RPF will contact each nominee to confirm their interest in participating in the procedure and request the submission of a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) with specific reference to the aspects corresponding to each of the evaluation criteria.

SELECTION

Preliminary Check

A preliminary check for each nomination is carried out to ensure that all relevant criteria and special conditions as outlined in the relevant Call are respected. In case of a positive outcome, the nomination is forwarded for evaluation.

Evaluation Procedure

The evaluation of the nominations will be carried out by an Expert Evaluation Committee. The Committee consists of permanent members (members of the Board of Directors of the RPF) and temporary members (experts with international experience who live and work abroad) selected on the basis of the annual thematic area for the Award.

The evaluation procedure is implemented in two phases. In the **first phase**, each member of the Committee studies the CVs of the candidates indicating the most prominent candidates. During the **second phase**, the Committee convenes in Cyprus to discuss the candidates and select the winner.

The decision of the Committee is announced during the Cyprus Research and Innovation Awards Ceremony, where the rationale for the decision is also announced. No evaluation reports are available for the rest of the nominees and the launch of a redress procedure is not possible.

Evaluation Criteria



For the evaluation, the following criteria are applicable:

- **Research Activity**
 - ⇒ Quality of the most important research results of the nominee, with emphasis on the last five (5) years, their importance and impact at an international level.
 - ⇒ Evidence of the use and exploitation of the results of the research activity for the improvement of the quality of life in Cyprus and the wider European area or/and the possibility of commercial exploitation, introduction in the international market and patent registration. Publications in distinguished international scientific journals, books, chapters in books or monographs and presentations in high impact international conferences.

- **Overall Career**
 - ⇒ Awards and honorary distinctions, member of scientific boards and academies. Important collaborations with distinguished researchers/entities abroad.

- **Leadership skills**
 - ⇒ Leadership skills and ability to inspire the next generation of researchers.

In case the level of nominated researchers is seen as unsatisfactory, the RPF maintains the right not to grant the Award.

Award

The winner of the “Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2019” will receive a work of art, specially made for the Awards.

It is expected that the winner of the Award will participate in events for the promotion of the “Cyprus Research Awards”.

INFORMATION – CONTACT DETAILS

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The Research Promotion Foundation may at its discretion, proceed to the extension or revocation of the present Call by applying the same publication procedure.