

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CULTURE/AWARD-DR/0220

COMPETITION

“CYPRUS RESEARCH AWARD –
DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER 2020”



FUNDING SCHEME

“RESTART 2016-2020” Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation of the Research and Innovation Foundation

PROGRAMME

“NURTURING AN RTDI CULTURE”

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► INTRODUCTION

The Research and Innovation Foundation (RIF) 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 INFORMATION

Pillar:	III. Transformation of RTDI System
Programme:	Nurturing an RTDI Culture
Competition:	Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2020
Call Identifier:	CULTURE/AWARD-DR/0220
Publication Date:	10th February 2020
Deadline:	27th March 2020

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organizations and individuals regarding the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme**, which is available on the RIF's **IRIS (Innovation Research Information System) Portal**.

The English version of the Call, though an official translation endorsed by the Research and Innovation 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 and Innovation Foundation (RIF), in the frame of its activities for recognizing and rewarding research excellence, has established an annual Research Award for Cyprus since 2007. In 2013, the Award was modified in order to reward young and more experienced researchers separately, in a parallel attempt to support early-career researchers and at the same time promote distinguished scientists 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 recent, significant and internationally recognized research results. The Award aims to appraise and promote the work and personality of these distinguished scientists who honor 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:

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

In **2020**, the Award will be granted to a researcher active in the field of **Life Sciences**.

1. The thematic areas and sub-areas are in line with those of the **European Research Council (ERC)**

▶ NOMINATION PROCEDURE

NOMINEES

The nominated researchers must:

- hold a PhD degree,
- have a minimum of 7 years of research experience since the completion of their PhD and up to the announcement date of the Call,
- have been working and living in Cyprus on a permanent basis for the last three (3) years (between the 10th of February 2017 and the 10th of February 2020 inclusive)

The nominated researchers may be of any nationality and must have been working in any Research Organization, Enterprise or other public or private entity located in the areas under the control of the Republic of Cyprus.

NOMINATIONS

The researchers should be nominated **by another person or organization**. There is no restriction on the number of distinguished researchers a person or organization may nominate for the Award.

Nominations should be submitted electronically via the following [link](#) by the **27th of March 2020**.

SUBMISSION OF CURRICULUM VITAE

Following the submission of nominations, the RIF will contact each nominee to confirm their interest in participating in the procedure and request the submission of a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) (up to 10 pages) with specific reference to the aspects corresponding to each of the evaluation criteria.



▶ SELECTION PROCEDURE

The evaluation of the nominations will be carried out by an Expert Evaluation Committee (EEC). The Committee will consist of permanent members (members of the Board of Directors of the RIF) and temporary members selected on the basis of the annual thematic area for the Award.

The evaluation procedure is implemented in two phases.

First Phase – Remote Evaluation:

In the **first phase**, each member of the Committee studies the CVs of the candidates remotely, indicating the most prominent candidates.

Second Phase – Meeting of the Expert Evaluation Committee:

During the **second phase**, the Committee convenes in Cyprus to discuss the candidates. During the meeting, the Committee selects the winner of the Award and documents its rationale for the decision in an Evaluation Report. The decision of the EEC is final and the submission of a request for redress is not possible.

In case the level of nominated researchers is considered by the EEC as unsatisfactory, the RIF maintains the right not to grant the Award.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

In selecting the most prominent candidate, the Committee will examine **the quality of their research activity, the candidates' career so far and their leadership abilities**. For the evaluation, the following criteria are applicable:

1. Quality of the 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, the wider European area or globally or/and the possibility of commercial exploitation, introduction in the international market and patent registration.
- Publications in notable international scientific journals, books, chapters in books or monographs and presentations in high impact international conferences.

2. Overall Career

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

3. Leadership skills

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

▶AWARD

The winner of the "Cyprus Research Award – Distinguished Researcher 2020" competition and the rationale of the EEC, will be announced during the Cyprus Research and Innovation Awards ceremony and 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 and Innovation Foundation may at its discretion, proceed to the extension or revocation of the present Call by applying the same publication procedure.