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## BLAVATNIK AWARDS FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS IN THE UK

NOMINATE LEADING FACULTY CANDIDATES

**LIFE SCIENCES** 

**PHYSICAL SCIENCES & ENGINEERING** 

**CHEMICAL SCIENCES** 



ONE LAUREATE IN EACH CATEGORY AWARDED **£100,000** TWO FINALISTS IN EACH CATEGORY AWARDED **£30,000** 

NOMINATIONS OPEN ON 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2025 NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2025 LETTERS OF SUPPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025 NOMINATE AT www.blavatnikawards.org

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**Programme:** Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists in the United Kingdom

Mission: Honour the United Kingdom's most innovative young academic staff scientists and engineers

#### ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must:

- Have been born in or after 1984\*.
- Hold a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).
- Currently hold an academic position at an invited institution in the United Kingdom.
- Currently conduct research as a principal investigator in one of the disciplinary categories in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, or Chemical Sciences.
- The Blavatnik Awards strongly encourages the nomination of women and other underrepresented groups in science and engineering.

\* Age limit exceptions will be considered by the Blavatnik Family Foundation in exceptional circumstances upon a detailed written submission from the nominating institution.

#### LIMITED SUBMISSION

- Candidates must be nominated by their institution. **Self-nominations are not allowed.**
- Each institution may submit up to three nominations, one in each disciplinary category of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemical Sciences.
- Nominations must be submitted using the online nomination system.

#### **NOMINATION MATERIALS**

- Nominator's Rationale for Nomination (200 words).
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae.
- Nominee's **Research Summary** (1,000 words).
- Full-text publications and/or patents representing the nominee's work (up to 4).
- Names and email addresses for two letter writers.
- Nominee's Professional Service and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement (1 page).

#### Nominate at: www.blavatnikawards.org



Blavatnik Awards Young Scientists





**Awards:** Three Laureates,  $\pounds$ 100,000 each in unrestricted funds, paid directly to Laureate, one in each category

Six Finalists,  $\pounds$ 30,000 each in unrestricted funds, paid directly to Finalist, two in each category

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Nominees and their work **as independent investigators** will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- *Quality*: The extent to which the work is reliable, valid, credible, and scientifically rigorous.
- *Impact*: The extent to which the work addresses an important problem, advances scientific progress, and is influential in the nominee's field, related fields, or beyond, and/or has the potential to benefit society.
- *Novelty*: The extent to which the work challenges existing paradigms, establishes a new field or considerably expands on an existing field, employs original methodologies or concepts, and/or pursues an original question.
- *Promise*: The nominee has potential for further significant contributions to science, and the research program will generate further impactful and novel discoveries.

#### QUESTIONS

This is a summary of the Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists in the United Kingdom. For complete details, please read in full the 2026 Blavatnik Awards in the UK Guidelines and Nomination Materials & Instructions sections on our website, blavatnikawards.org. For general questions about rules and eligibility, please also view the Frequently Asked Questions section of this site.

For all other enquiries, please contact the Blavatnik Awards team at blavatnikawardsuk@nyas.org or (+1) 856.399.2700.

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Letters of Support Due: 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025

