



HFSP Nakasone Award 2018

Call for Nominations

Deadline: 28 April 2017

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organisation (HFSPO) invites nominations for the Nakasone Award, an annual award for ground-breaking contributions or breakthrough discoveries in the life sciences.

Nominations are now open and must be received by HFSPO before **28 April 2017**.

This award recognizes the vision of former Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan in the creation of HFSPO. HFSPO's aim is "to promote, through international cooperation, basic research focused on the elucidation of the sophisticated and complex mechanisms of living organisms".

The HFSP Nakasone Award recognizes achievement(s) in scientific excellence that have moved the frontiers of knowledge in biology. The award is for a particular discovery or set of discoveries. It is not a life-time achievement award.

A list of former winners is on the HFSP website at <http://www.hfsp.org/awardees/hfsp-nakasone-award>. The winner of the 2017 HFSP Nakasone Award was David Julius of the University of California San Francisco, USA.

The selection of the award winner will be made by the HFSPO Council of Scientists at their meeting in July 2017.

The awardee(s) will receive an unrestricted research grant of 10,000 USD, a commemorative medal and will deliver the Nakasone Award plenary lecture at the HFSP Awardees Meeting in 2018.

Selection Criteria:

The award is for scientific excellence of a clearly defined discovery or series of discoveries in basic life sciences research, in accord with HFSPO's mission to support basic research into the "complex mechanisms of living organisms"¹.

The discovery or discoveries shall:

1. be frontier contributions to knowledge in the life sciences
2. have resulted in a notable conceptual breakthrough that has had significant consequences for scientists throughout the world
3. be identifiable via (a) specific publication(s)

¹ Areas have traditionally ranged from molecular and cellular approaches to biological functions to systems neuroscience including cognitive functions. However, all levels of complexity involving mechanisms of biological phenomena or the interactions between organisms will be considered.

The award is not for life-time achievement.

Eligibility:

This is an open award, not restricted to HFSPO funded scientists and there are no restrictions on who may be nominated. However, HFSPO has a focus on early career scientists through its Fellowships and Research Grants funding programs and so nominations of scientists who have achieved a recent significant breakthrough at an early stage of their careers are especially encouraged.

Both the nomination and the nominees may be from any country.

Up to three scientists may be jointly nominated for and share the Nakasone Award. These scientists should be co-authors on breakthrough publications or collaborators of key discoveries. Separate nominees for the same breakthrough will not be considered.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Coordinated multiple nominations for a candidate(s) will be considered as a single nomination. While nominations for a scientist may be submitted by several different parties, there is no advantage to submitting several nominations for the same person. Multiple nominations will be merged for the purpose of the review.

Members of the HFSPO Board of Trustees and Council of Scientists are not eligible for nomination and may not nominate candidates in order to avoid the perception of conflict of interest.²

Experimental, conceptual and technological contributions are all eligible.

² The current members are listed on the HFSP website: <http://www.hfsp.org/about-us/governance/board-trustees> and <http://www.hfsp.org/about-us/governance/council-scientists>.



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Nomination Form

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The form will expand as you enter information, but do not exceed 2 pages in all, and do not change the character type and size.

Please remember to attach the nominee(s) CV

Candidate(s) Name:

Institutional Address:

E-mail:

Website:

Please give a brief statement of 2-3 paragraphs below explaining the reason for nominating this candidate (or candidates). Please nominate against the selection criteria above and please emphasize your nominee's(s') specific contribution(s) as reflected in their key publications.

List up to five key relevant publications (include only those in which the original idea/experiment was presented and developed)

Proposer Name:

Institutional Address:

e-mail:

Website:

When completed please submit the form in Word format together with the candidate's CV by e-mail to hfspnakasone@hfsp.org by the 28 April 2017 deadline. After an initial screening, you might be contacted for more information.