MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES, TERTIARY EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

COMMUNIQUE

Participation in the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (5th Interdisciplinary Meeting) – Physics, Chemistry and Physiology/Medicine

28 June – 03 July 2020

The Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research has been requested by the organising Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings to nominate Mauritian citizens studying in Mauritian Higher Education Institutions to participate in the next interdisciplinary meeting dedicated to Physics, Chemistry and Physiology/Medicine.

Nobel laureates in Physics, Chemistry and Physiology/Medicine will be invited to the 70th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting 2020 to be held from 28 June to 03 July 2020 in Lindau, Germany. About 600 highly talented young scientists will form the audience for their lectures, panel discussions and small-size discussion sessions.

The costs of participation for the selected participant will be borne by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and by the organisers.

Young participants will be recruited worldwide among (1) undergraduate students, (2) master and doctoral students; and (3) young postdoctoral scientists in the field of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology/Medicine and related disciplines.

All participants shall:

- show a genuine interest in science and research,
- show excellence in their principal field of studies and, in addition, commitment to interdisciplinary work, documented for example by double degrees or interdisciplinary projects in their research work,
- receive very strong support of their application by their academic advisor and/or by an internationally renowned scientist who knows the applicant well; a detailed letter of recommendation is indispensable for the application,
- be fluent in English and prepared to actively participate in discussions with laureates and young scientists,
- belong to the top five (5) percent of their class,
- normally not have a permanent position as this is a criterion for exclusion except in special cases,
- not be older than 35 years of age at the time of the meeting with the exception for special cases (eg. Maternity leave),
- not have participated in a previous Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting,
– deliver fully completed applications in their online profiles on or before the deadline of 24 October 2019 (responsibility of the nominated individuals; incomplete applications will not be considered) and
– commit themselves to being present in Lindau for the full duration of the meeting.

The final selection of participants will ensure there is a well-rounded balance between these three groups:

(i) Undergraduate students, who
  • exhibit a solid general knowledge in the sciences and
  • have done some practical work and/or have laboratory experience.

(ii) Master and doctoral students, who
  • show excellent academic accomplishments and
  • have already produced excellent research work, e.g. documented by publications, conference presentations, and/or research awards/prizes.

(iii) Postdoctoral scientists; who
  • Have up to five (5) years of postdoctoral experience (optimum about 2-3 years after doctoral degree);
  • Have published results of their own scientific research in refereed journals and as first or last and/or corresponding author; and
  • Have presented their work at international scientific meetings, preferably as (invited) lecturers.

MODE OF APPLICATION
Candidates are required to submit, the following:

(1) Complete CV;
(2) Duly certified true copy of their National Identity Card;
(3) Proof of Address;
(4) Contact Details; and
(5) Any other document, to meet the selection standard and criteria required by the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research.

More details about the selection criteria may be obtained from the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings website: www.lindau-nobel.org and that of the Ministry: ministry-education.govmu.org/. The nomination process is web-based. Please note that a nomination does not necessarily lead to an invitation to participate in the meeting. The Organising Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings will select only the most talented applicants.

Eligible candidates are invited to send their applications, by email, to the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, to ggukhool@govmu.org by Monday 30 September 2019.