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L'Oréal Baltic *For Women in Science* Fellowship Programme with the support of

the Latvian National Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter "LVNC"),
the Estonian National Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter "ENC"),
the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO (hereinafter "LTNC")
the Latvian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter "LAS"), the Estonian Academy of Sciences
(hereinafter "EAS"), the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter "LTAS")

RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018

1. Introduction

Founded in 1998, the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* partnership was created to recognize and promote women in science. Its programs reward established women scientists whose outstanding achievements have contributed to the advancement of scientific knowledge and of its benefits to society and provide support to promising young women who are already making significant contributions in their scientific disciplines.

The L'Oréal Baltic *For Women in Science* fellowships are awards offered by a partnership involving *SIA L'OREAL BALTIC*, LVNC, ENC, LTNC, LAS, EAS and LTAS to promote, enhance and encourage the contribution of women pursuing research careers in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia in the fields of life and environmental sciences, physical sciences and engineering.

2. Fellowships

2.1. The L'ORÉAL Baltic *For Women in Science* Fellowship Programme honours five talented women in the Baltic States. Three awards are given out in Latvia, one in Lithuania and one in Estonia.

- **1 fellowship of €6,000** (six thousand euros) will be granted in Latvia to a doctor of sciences under 40 years of age.
 - **1 fellowship of €6,000** (six thousand euros) will be granted in Lithuania to a doctor of sciences under 40 years of age.
 - **1 fellowship of €6,000** (six thousand euros) will be granted in Estonia to a doctor of sciences under 40 years of age.
 - **2 fellowships of €6,000** (six thousand euros) each will be granted to two Latvian doctoral candidates under 33 years of age for the successful development of their doctoral theses.
- 2.2. The value of each fellowship will be €6,000 (six thousand euros), which must be used for the pursuit of scientific research in the relevant Baltic country.
- 2.3. The recipients of the fellowships will be publicly announced in an official ceremony (with the venue and date thereof to be determined separately).
- 2.4. Each fellowship is subject to national legislation on income taxation. Taxes at a rate of 15% in Lithuania and 20% in Estonia will be covered by *SIA L'OREAL BALTIC*.

3. Submission of Fellowship Applications

3.1. Applications may only be submitted by the candidates themselves through the online platform at www.fwis.fr from **22 January 2018 through 5 March 2018**. Applications must be written in English and must contain the following items in the following order:

- A duly completed application form;
 - A detailed CV in English;
 - Copies of documents confirming the candidate's education and any scientific degrees obtained (can be in the candidate's national language);
 - A description of the candidate's planned research project for a period of one year (summary of the problem, aim, purpose of the research, research questions and possibilities to solve them in the given time)
 - A recommendation from the candidate's academic advisor or the scientific institution where the project is being carried out (can be in the candidate's national language);
 - A list of the candidate's scientific publications and patents;
 - Copies of not more than two or three of the candidate's most significant publications or web links to the full text thereof.
- 3.2. Incomplete files, applications received after the deadline and candidates who do not meet the above-mentioned requirements will not be taken into consideration.

4. Procedure for the Review of Fellowship Applications

- 4.1. Each of the Baltic countries will have its own separate fellowship jury that will assess applications from candidates from that country.
- 4.2. For the assessment of each submitted application, the fellowship jury will assign two (2) competent reviewers (either members of the jury or, if necessary, external consultants), who will be granted access to the relevant application.
- 4.3. On the basis of the opinions of the reviewers, the fellowship jury in each country will assess the applications and will determine the fellowship recipients by **23 April 2018**.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. The fellowship juries will use the following selection criteria:

- The candidate's academic record, including the number, quality and impact of publications (impact factors to be submitted), conference presentations and patents;
- The scientific quality of the candidate's proposed research project;
- The innovative nature and productivity of the candidate's research and its potential application;
- The candidate's ability to communicate and promote science in society and to encourage female scientists;
- The relevance and importance of the candidate's research for at the national and international level.

5.2. Fellowships are non-renewable and may be combined with other research grants.

6. Announcement of Fellowship Awards

6.1. The decision of each fellowship jury regarding applications will be communicated to the applicants in writing within a period of two weeks after the adoption of said decision by program coordinator in Baltic's. The list of fellowship recipients will be announced to the mass media in the day of the award ceremony.

7. Conditions for Awarding a Fellowship

7.1. A fellowship shall be awarded on the basis of the relevance, quality and expected impact of the recipient's scientific research, with the purpose of providing financial support for the recipient in pursuing her career in the field of scientific research and/or development in the concerned country. Each fellowship recipient must undertake to pursue this research for a period of one year in accordance with her submitted application, and, upon the expiry of this term, to submit a brief progress report to the fellowship founders and partners (*SIA L'OREAL BALTIC*, LVNC, ENC, LTNC, LAS, EAS and LTAS).

7.2. The fellowship recipients must mention that they were awarded a fellowship in all publications that will be produced as a result of the above-mentioned research.

7.3. The fellowship recipients must take part in the official awards ceremony in Latvia (with the venue and date thereof to be determined separately).

7.4. Fellowships will be disbursed as a lump-sum payment after the official awards ceremony and after the recipients sign an agreement with *SIA L'OREAL BALTIC*.

7.5. The fellowship recipients must agree to be photographed, filmed and interviewed in the media within the scope of communication of the fellowship programme and must give their consent to the free-of-charge use of these photos, recorded material and interviews in communications pertaining to the above-mentioned programme in the Baltic countries and abroad.

7.6. The fellowship recipients must immediately inform the fellowship coordinator in the event of a change in their place of work or research and/or if they give up pursuing the relevant scientific project within a period of one year after the fellowship has been awarded. After the receipt of the relevant notification, the jury will resolve upon retention of the awarded fellowship.