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European Innovation Council European Prize for Women Innovators; Deadline Application: 25.09.2025

The European Prize for Women Innovators is jointly awarded by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and the European Innovation Council (EIC). Through this collaboration, the EIT and EIC are showcasing a large pool of women innovators, offering more opportunities for trailblazers, and providing inspiring role models for women and girls everywhere. The European Prize for Women Innovators celebrates the women entrepreneurs behind Europe's most game-changing innovations. The prize awards women from across the EU and countries associated to Horizon Europe, whose disruptive innovations are driving positive change for people and planet.

There are three prize categories:

- In the EIC Women Innovators category, three prizes of EUR 100 000, EUR 70 000 and EUR 50 000 are awarded to the three highest-ranked applications;
- In the EIC Rising Innovators, three prizes of EUR 50 000, EUR 30 000 and EUR 20 000 are awarded to the three highest-ranked applications from promising 'Rising Innovators' under the age of 35.
- The EIT Women Leadership Award, awarded to exceptional women leaders from the EIT Community. The winner is awarded EUR 50 000, and two runners-up are awarded EUR 30 000 and EUR 20 000 respectively.

Eligible applicants can only apply to one category. The winners are chosen by an independent expert jury.

All applicants must comply with the following eligibility criteria to participate:

- The applicant must be a woman (Please remember you must apply as a natural person and not as a legal entity);
- The applicant must be legally established in an EU Member State, including overseas countries and territories (OCTs) or a country associated to Horizon Europe;
- The applicant must be the founder or co-founder of the company or organisation;
- The company or organisation must be established in an EU Member State including overseas countries and territories, (OCTs) or a country associated to Horizon Europe, and registered or incorporated at least two years before 1 January 2022;
- Applicants who have already received an EU or Euratom prize cannot receive a second prize for the same activities.

In addition to the above, those applying for the Rising Innovators category must be aged under 35 at the start of the call year. There is no age limit to apply for the Women Innovators category (or for the EIT Women Leadership category), though applicants eligible for several prize categories can only apply to one.

Eligible applications will be evaluated against 3 award criteria:

- Breakthrough innovation – the company or organisation founded or co-founded by the applicant is pioneering a breakthrough and disruptive innovation focusing, among others, on deep-tech and Science Technology Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) fields within the EU or countries associated to Horizon Europe.
- Impact – this innovation addresses a real need or challenge, with significant benefits for people and/or the planet.
- Inspiration – the applicant is an inspiring leader, who has played a pivotal role in the success of the company or organisation and is a role model empowering other women and girls in realising their full potential.

The deadline of the calls is 25 September 2025, 17:00 CEST.

For more information, please contact EISMEA-WIP@ec.europa.eu or eit-awards@eit.europa.eu.

Further information:

https://eic.ec.europa.eu/eic-prizes/european-prize-women-innovators-powered-eic-eit_en

DFG AIMS-DFG Collaboration Visits Programme in the Mathematical Sciences; Deadline Proposal: 30.09.2025

With this call, the African Institutes for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) support the initiation of international research collaboration between researchers from African

countries and researchers at universities in Germany in the mathematical sciences. Researchers in early career phases are particularly encouraged to submit proposals.

The aim of the initiative is to familiarise and connect the wider research communities in the mathematical sciences in Africa and Germany with each other and support their internationalisation. The initiative enables participating researchers to identify joint research interests in the field of mathematical sciences and initiate joint project ideas.

Two different modules are available:

- Trips abroad to one of the six AIMS centres (in Cameroon, Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal or South Africa) undertaken by researchers in the German research system (max. three months)
- Guest visits to universities in Germany undertaken by researchers in early career phases from African countries (max. three months)

The focus of this programme is to facilitate collaboration visits. However, the funding of scientific workshops can be granted in exceptional cases. The funding remains available for a maximum of 12 months after the approval date: individual collaborative measures must be carried out within this time frame.

Applicants: researchers who have obtained their doctorates and who are working in the German research system may apply. Special rules apply to members of non-university research institutions. For further details, please consult the "Guidelines on the Duty to Cooperate"

Applicants from Germany visiting an AIMS centre:

- must be working in the German research system;
- must fulfil the DFG eligibility requirements;
- can apply to visit an AIMS centre themselves;
- must submit a letter of invitation from a host researcher at an AIMS centre.

Applicants may apply either to undertake a collaboration visit to an AIMS centre themselves or for a fellow from Africa to visit the applicant's institution.

Please submit your proposal to the DFG by 30 September 2025. Proposals are to be submitted solely via the elan portal in order to ensure proposal-related data is recorded and documents are securely transmitted.

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Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/de/aktuelles/neuigkeiten-themen/info-wissenschaft/2025/ifw-25-52>

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUTzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online: https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:

<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>

<https://www.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>