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*The world needs science,  
Science needs women,  
Because women in science can change the world.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### L`ORÉAL BALTIC FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE PROGRAMME 2020

Starting January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the application process for the prestigious programme for L'ORÉAL Baltic Women in Science in all three Baltic States is opened.

For the 16<sup>th</sup> time in Latvia and 4<sup>th</sup> time in Estonia and Lithuania, seven outstanding Baltic scientists each will receive a EUR 6 000 prize for their contribution to science. In addition, one awardee per Baltic country will be nominated for the prestigious L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Rising Talents.

The L`ORÉAL Baltic For Women in Science Programme honours seven talented women in the Baltic States. Three awards are given out in Latvia, two in Lithuania and two in Estonia.

- One prize in each country will be awarded to a women scientist **up to 40 years old with a doctor's degree for research in the fields of life, environmental sciences, physics and engineering.**
- Two prizes in Latvia, one in Lithuania and one in Estonia will be awarded to **PhD candidate up to 33 years old to finalize thesis research in the fields of life, environmental sciences, physics and engineering.**

Women-scientist who are eligible for the criteria are invited to apply for "Women in Science" programme from **January 27 to March 6, 2020, filling in the application form in English on website [www.forwomeninscience.com](http://www.forwomeninscience.com)** To support the application process, applicants have at their disposal **application process support service line daily during working hours at email [fwis@attach.lv](mailto:fwis@attach.lv)**

Each of the Baltic countries has its own separate Programme Jury that will carefully assess applications from candidates from that country. **Jury determines by 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020 the award recipients and one candidate from each country to send an application for the International Rising Talents Programme.**

## **About the program**

Since 2005 when the L'ORÉAL Baltic programme was launched in Latvia, 45 women-scientists from Latvia have received this recognition for their work in the science field. In addition, already for the fourth year in a row, the programme is present in the Baltic region and 4 awardees from Lithuania and 4 from Estonia have been awarded for their work in science field.

Last year seven scientists from the Baltics each received the € 6,000 prize. From Latvia three scientists were awarded: Mg.sc.ing. Jana Vecstaudža for her research in the field of materials science, project - "Nanostructured and biomimetic amorphous calcium phosphate biomaterials for bone tissue engineering", Mg.sc.ing. Laura Dembovska (engineering) for her project "Alkali-activated aluminosilicate composites with heat-resistant aggregates for industrial applications" and Dr.pharm. Marina Makrecka-Kūka for her work in the field of pharmaceutical research, project: Acylcarnitines, mitochondrial fitness & immunometabolism: novel target for healthy aging. In Estonia 2 scientists from the University of Tartu were recognized – both focusing on finding solutions to problems caused due climate and environmental change. Dr. Tuul Sepp, project: "Adaptations to polluted oncogenic aquatic environments: a study of contemporary evolution in Baltic Sea flounders" and Mg Kaarin Parts, project: "The effects of air humidification and irrigation on ectomycorrhizal colonizers of Silver birch". In Lithuania 2 scientists were awarded: Dr Jurgita Skieceviciene in the field of health science for the project "Onco-Multi-Omics Approach in Gastric Cancer Research" and Mg Milda Alksne (life sciences) for her project "Angiogenic potential promotion by constructs designed for bone tissue regeneration".

The program was brought to Latvia by the L'Oréal Baltic For Women in Science Program Honorable Patroness, Professor, Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga (President of Latvia 1999-2007). L'ORÉAL Baltic "For Women in Science" Program is implemented in cooperation with Academies of Sciences and UNESCO National Commissions in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania.

This is the only support program in the Baltic States for women scientists. The program promotes the professional development of Baltic scientists, helping them achieve new goals and creating benefit for both science and society.

The global For Women In Science program was launched in 1998. Since then L'ORÉAL Foundation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO have been committed to women in science, to increase the number of women working in scientific research. That is why, for the past 22 years, the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science program has worked to honour and accompany women researchers at key moments in their careers, contributing significantly to the development of science and to gender equality in science.

Since the program began, it has supported more than 3,100 young women from 117 countries and celebrated 107 Laureates, at the peak of their careers, including professors Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Ada Yonath and Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard, who went on to win a Nobel Prize.

The L'Oréal-UNESCO International Rising Talent program is dedicated to both honouring distinguished women scientists as well as supporting promising young women researchers throughout their careers. The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Rising Talents are presented to fifteen promising young women, from each world region (Africa and the Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America), in order to support and encourage them to pursue their scientific careers. They are selected among the best National and Regional fellows.