

Lurie Prize Frequently Asked Questions

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PROCESS

Where can I find a description of the Lurie Prize?

On the FNIH website: <http://www.fnih.org/LuriePrize>.

Where can I find the online nomination form?

Go to the Lurie Prize page on the FNIH website (<http://www.fnih.org/LuriePrize>) and click “Submit a Nomination” at the top of the page.

May I submit a nomination via email or post?

No, all nominations must be submitted via the online form, which can be accessed from the Lurie Prize page on the FNIH website (<http://www.fnih.org/LuriePrize>).

May I nominate myself?

No.

Is a Word document version of the nomination form available?

Yes, from within the online nomination form. Click the link labeled “Nomination Form in Word” towards the top right-hand corner of the screen. This document is provided as a convenience to you as you draft the nomination and may not be submitted in place of the online form. If you prefer to write your nomination offline, you may then cut and paste text into the online form.

May I discuss my nomination with a juror?

No. It is unacceptable to contact any member of the Trailblazer Prize jury to ask about or discuss any aspect of the prize. The nomination submitted by any nominator or for any candidate who does this will be withdrawn from the competition. All questions should be addressed to TrailblazerPrize@fnih.org directly.

Will you accept multiple nominations for one candidate?

Yes.

May I nominate more than one candidate?

Yes.

ONLINE FORM

PLEASE NOTE: The FNIH is now using award management software from Survey Monkey Apply (SMAApply). System-generated e-mails will come to you from SMAApply.

Will I need an SMAApply account to submit a nomination?

Yes, and you will need to verify your email address with SMAApply to continue. For help on completing the application please visit the SM Apply FAQ page:

<https://help.smapply.io/hc/en-us/articles/115001445354>.

I created an account for FNIH applications in a previous year. Can I reuse it?

Unfortunately, no. We have upgraded our software to SMAApply and you will need to register for a new account.

I am a Nominator, but the form is calling me an “Applicant.”

This is a limitation of the software. The “applicant” is the nominator. The “candidate” is your nominee.

I have already started a nomination. Can I give someone else access to complete it and submit it online?

Yes, if you have created an account, saved the nomination, and have NOT submitted the nomination, you may give them your user name and password to complete the nomination.

The website looks odd, logos cover texts, etc... Can you fix it?

This is a browser issue. SMAApply is optimized to work with Google Chrome so you may want to consider using that browser for your nomination (<https://www.google.com/chrome/>).

I submitted my nomination by mistake and need to make changes! How do I get it back?

Send an email to LuriePrizeInfo@fnih.org to request that it be reopened. If the request is sent more than 48 hours prior to the nomination deadline, the nomination will be reopened so you may access it. Be sure to resubmit the nomination when you have completed your revisions.

I accidentally deleted the nomination! Can you restore it for me?

Unfortunately, a deleted nomination is not retrievable. You are welcome to start a new nomination. Consider gathering all your answers offline in a Word document to make it easier to fill out the online form without needing to pause to find information. (Click the link labeled “Nomination Form in Word” towards the top right-hand corner of the screen.)

I am having a different technical problem with the online form. How can I get help?

Send an email to LuriePrizeInfo@fnih.org and we will be in touch as soon as possible. Please include your phone number in the message. We strongly encourage nominators to visit the online form prior to the submission deadline to avoid any last-minute problems.

CONTENT

What do you mean by “a 50-word citation of the basis for nomination?”

The 50-word citation is a concise statement of the candidate's fitness for this prize. On what basis does he or she deserve unique recognition as an outstanding biomedical investigator?

Do you want/accept letters of support from third parties?

No. Therefore, in fairness to all candidates, only the online nomination and CV will be forwarded to the jury.

Should the CV list only 10 publications? Or should all publications be listed and only 10 highlighted for consideration?

The CV may contain only 10 publications. Nominations submitted with CVs listing more than 10 publications will be rejected. Those nominations may be resubmitted in accordance with the guidelines if the submission deadline has not passed.

May the CV include books, book chapters and posters?

Yes, if you wish. However, be aware that the jury will focus most intently on publications.

May I submit an NIH Biosketch in lieu of a CV?

Yes, as long as it lists no more than 10 publications.

Should I list publications specific to one topic or should I demonstrate the breadth of a candidate's work?

This decision is at the discretion of the nominator. Choose the publications that you believe most strongly demonstrate the candidate's merit.

Are there any size restrictions for the CV?

No, other than the need to limit publications to 10.

Must I provide the candidate's specific date of birth?

Yes, so that we know that the nominator has confirmed the candidate's eligibility. The candidate must be 52 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2021 (in other words, born on or after January 2, 1968).

Does the nomination really consist of answers to just two questions, the CV and optional letters of support?

Yes.

ELIGIBILITY

Given that the nominator must be a member of an accredited educational and/or scientific institution, what is your definition of “scientific institution?”

For purposes of the Lurie Prize, we consider a scientific institution to be a not-for-profit or for-profit organization or a government agency engaged in the pursuit of or support of biomedical research.

May I nominate a scientist with whom I do not work directly?

Yes, as long as you know his or her work well enough to make a compelling case for the nomination.

Is this prize for candidates doing basic research only, or are those performing translational or clinical research suitable candidates as well?

Candidates engaged in any type of research are eligible for nomination.

Must the candidate be working in the United States?

No. We welcome nominations for international candidates as long as the candidate's current location or permanent residence is not in a country sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Asset Control. See the current list of sanctions at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

Why do you ask about consent from European candidates?

On the nomination form we ask: "IF THE CANDIDATE RESIDES IN EUROPE, in compliance with the privacy regulations of the European Economic Area or United Kingdom, do you have the candidate's consent to provide to the FNIH the information requested on this page?"

The FNIH is committed to compliance with personal data privacy regulations of the EU (General Data Protection Regulation, "GDPR") and UK (Data Protection Act 2018). Out of an abundance of caution, this question ensures that we have the candidate's permission to collect and store his or her personal information.

However, the FNIH's understanding—shared by other major prize programs—is that we have a "legitimate interest," as defined in the GDPR, to collect and process the candidate data provided with Lurie Prize nominations on the basis of a balance of interests. The FNIH must have the data in order to consider a candidate and there is an extremely low risk of harm to the candidate. The FNIH's complete privacy statement is available at <https://fnih.org/about/privacy>. Of note: "If you nominate a colleague for a prize or award (e.g., the Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences), you are responsible for obtaining the consent of any person whose Personal Information you are submitting to us as described in this Privacy Statement. We will delete such information if contacted and so requested by the affected individual. Please contact us at privacy@fnih.org."

May I nominate a candidate who was nominated for this prize in a previous year?

Yes, as long as the candidate still meets the age criterion.

SPECIFIC TO U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Will you accept a nomination FROM a scientist working in a federal government research program?

Yes.

Will you accept a nomination FOR a scientist working in a federal government research program?

Yes, though the FNIH does not determine eligibility for government employees. If the candidate is a U.S. federal government employee or anyone else whose receipt of personal cash prizes MAY be restricted, the nominator must confirm with the candidate his or her eligibility to receive this prize. (We welcome nomination of NIH scientists. Please contact the NIH Ethics Office with any questions.)

I am an NIH employee or funded researcher. May I nominate a researcher outside of the NIH?

Yes.

Is the NIH considered to be an accredited educational and/or scientific institution?

Yes.