

APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education (ASPIRE)

FAQs

Nature of Award

- ▶ International

What are the objectives of the award?

- ▶ The Prize aims to recognise young scientists who have demonstrated a commitment to both excellence in scientific research, as evidenced by scholarly publication, and cooperation with scientists from other APEC member economies.

Who is eligible to apply?

- ▶ The nominee must be a citizen of an APEC member economy and under the age of 40 as of the application year.

How to apply for this award?

- ▶ By email to Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC). ITC will make the final decision on one candidate to represent Hong Kong for the Prize.

What document(s) should be prepared before and/or during application stage?

- ▶ Completed nomination form;
- ▶ Nominee's CV;
- ▶ One letter of recommendation;
- ▶ Photo of the nominee (image must be larger than 250*300 pixels); and
- ▶ Supporting document(s) for the age and citizenship requirements.

Is there an institutional quota for this scheme?

- ▶ Institutional quota for this scheme is 1.

What is the operational timeframe after internal deadline?

- ▶ Around 12 working days.

What is the estimated time for PIs' revision and re-submission?

- ▶ Around 2-3 working days.

Is there any funding/prize for awardees? If yes, will it be allocated to CUHK or to the awardee?

- ▶ Funding prize money at US\$25,000.
- ▶ It will be allocated to the awardee.

Will grantor shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend presentation/meeting/interview?

▶ No.

When will grantor announce the funding result?

- ▶ ITC will announce the selection result in Hong Kong in around two months. APEC will announce the result in around 4 to 5 months after the application submission.

Can the nominee at the age of 40 to submit the application to ITC/APEC?

- ▶ No. The nominee must be under the age of 40 (i.e. at 39 or below) as of the application year for him/ her to be eligible for the ASPIRE Prize.