

Regulation of Scientific Merit Award

Preamble

The National School of Public Health of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (ENSP NOVA) is a national and international reference institution in teaching, research, and community services within the scope of public health. Over the past decades, it has decisively contributed to Public Health research through the creation of scientific knowledge that has had an impact on health systems in Portugal and in international contexts.

The excellence of its teachers, researchers, and students is a distinguishing mark of the institution. Therefore, it is fundamental, within the process of creating scientific knowledge, to grant a merit award to those who have stood out throughout their journey, demonstrating unequivocal qualities.

Article 1

Purpose

This regulation establishes the rules for awarding the Scientific Merit Award, intended to recognise the best scientific article and its academic impact in the field of Public Health, hereinafter referred to as the "Award".

Article 2

Eligible Candidates

Teachers, researchers, students, and alumni of ENSP NOVA who have developed high-impact scientific articles may apply for the Award.

Article 3

Frequency

The Award is granted annually and focuses on articles published in the preceding calendar year.

Article 4

Eligibility Requirements

1. For the granting of the Award, the following requirements will be used:
 - a) The scientific article must have been published in an indexed scientific journal belonging to the Q1 of Scimago in the year of publication.
 - b) The scientific article must have an ENSP NOVA faculty member, teacher, researcher, or student/*alumni* as the first author.
 - c) All authors affiliated with ENSP NOVA are required to have their financial obligations duly settled with the institution before the application.
 - d) The guidelines for identifying authorship of scientific articles and ENSP NOVA affiliations must have been complied with.

Article 5

Evaluation criteria

1. The following evaluation criteria of the scientific article will be used for the granting of the Award:
 - a) Quality and relevance.
 - b) Academic and social impact.
 - c) Internal and external collaborations (national and international).
2. The Jury will define the valuation of each evaluation criterion.

Article 6

Evaluation Jury

1. The Evaluation Jury will be composed of three to five members of recognised academic and scientific experience (exclusively external to ENSP NOVA).
2. The Jury may request complementary documentation, such as a curriculum vitae, the article's review process, a description of the research project in which it is included, or other elements it deems relevant.
3. The jury's deliberations are made by a simple majority of its members, and these decisions are final with no right of appeal.
4. The members of the jury may not be included among the authors of any of the articles submitted for evaluation.

Article 7

Award

1. The winner will receive a diploma of scientific merit, which may eventually be associated with a monetary award, to be defined by the Director of the School, considering the provisions of Article 9.
2. The jury may decide not to give the Award if the eligibility conditions defined in Article 4 are not met, or if, after assessing the evaluation criteria defined in Article 5, it is determined that a minimum score was not achieved.

Article 8

Naming of the Award

The Director of ENSP NOVA may, for each edition of the Award, assign it a designation or name that reflects the institutional identity and values, as well as honour prominent personalities in the field of Public Health.

Article 9

Sponsorships and Patronage

The Award may be sponsored or receive patronage from external entities, including public and private institutions, ensuring the independence and transparency of the evaluation and award process of the Award.

Article 10

Publicity

1. The results will be widely announced through the communication channels available at ENSP NOVA.
2. The winner will be notified via email by ENSP NOVA services.
3. The Award ceremony will take place at a public event to be defined by ENSP NOVA.

Article 11

Doubts and Omissions

Any doubts raised and omissions resulting from this regulation will be decided by the board of ENSP NOVA, which shall be sovereign in its decisions.

Article 12

Revision

This regulation may be revised at any time upon proposal.

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