

TWAS-LENOVO SCIENCE PRIZE

The 2013 TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize in Physics and Astronomy

INTRODUCTION

TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world, was founded in 1983 in Trieste, Italy. It is administered by UNESCO through an agreement between the Italian government and UNESCO. TWAS's principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South.

Lenovo is a USD30-billion personal technology company, and one of the top two PC makers globally, serving customers in more than 160 countries. Dedicated to building exceptionally engineered PCs and mobile internet devices, Lenovo's business is built on product innovation, a highly efficient global supply chain and strong strategic execution.

PURPOSE

Together, TWAS and Lenovo are offering the TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize, which is intended to give international recognition and visibility to outstanding scientific achievements made by individual scientists in developing countries.

FIELDS

The specific subject area for nominations will change each year. The first four-year cycle (2013-2016) will focus on the basic sciences, rotating between physics and astronomy (2013), biological sciences (2014), mathematics (2015) and chemical sciences (2016).

AWARD

The prize carries a monetary award of **USD100,000**, generously provided by Lenovo, a medal and a certificate bearing a citation highlighting the major contributions for which the prize is awarded. The prize will be presented to the recipient at a special ceremony arranged by TWAS and Lenovo.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be nationals of developing countries, living and working in the South for at least the last 10 years. The prizes will only be awarded to individuals for scientific research of outstanding international merit carried out at institutions in developing countries.

EVALUATION

The evaluation is carried out by a scientific committee, chaired by the TWAS president, consisting of an authoritative and international jury and a designated representative from Lenovo. Jury members and previous winners of the Trieste Science Prize (also administered by TWAS) are not eligible for the TWAS-Lenovo Science Prize.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited from TWAS members, selected individuals, as well as from science academies, national research councils, universities and scientific institutions. Nominations of women scientists are particularly encouraged. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

ENQUIRIES

Additional information and nomination forms are available from the TWAS Secretariat (prizes@twas.org, www.twas.org).

Nominations for the 2013 prizes should reach the TWAS Secretariat **by 10 June 2013** at the following address:

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