Public Health Prizes and Awards

Focus on the 2023 process
About the Public Health Prizes and Awards: focus and statutes to be awarded in 2023

- **Sasakawa Health Prize**
  Selection Panel, including the Chair of the Executive Board (EB) of WHO, a representative of the Founder and an EB Member
  Statutes and Guidelines, including additional information about the selection criteria

- **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion**
  Selection Panel, including the Chair of the Executive Board (EB) of WHO, the First Vice-Chair of the EB and an EB member from a Member State of the African Region. The representative of the Nelson Mandela Foundation is an observer
  Statutes

- **United Arab Emirates Health Foundation Prize**
  Selection Panel, including the EB Chair, a representative of the Founder and an EB Member from the Founder’s region
  Statutes and Guidelines, including additional information about the selection criteria

- **The State of Kuwait Health Promotion Foundation’s His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Prize for Research in Health Care for the Elderly and in Health Promotion**
  Selection Panel, including the EB Chair, a representative of the Founder and an EB Member from the Founder’s region
  Statutes and Guidelines, including additional information about the selection criteria

- **Ihsan Doğramacı Family Health Foundation Prize**
  Selection Panel, including the Chair of the Executive Board of WHO, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Bilkent University, Turkey, and a representative of the International Children’s Center (Ankara)
  Statutes

- **Dr. LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health**
  Selection Panel, including the EB Chair, a representative of the Founder and an EB Member
  Statutes

*Only awarded every 2 years.*
2023 Timeline for Prizes and Awards administered by the WHO Director-General

- **March-May 2022**: Finalization of the composition of the Selection Panels
- **9 August 2022**: Dispatch of Circular Letter inviting national health administrations of WHO Member States’ governments to propose candidatures
- **4 November 2022**: Deadline for submitting candidatures
- **November-December 2022**: Screening of candidatures for compliance
- **30 January-7 February 2023**: Selection panels proposals and decision by the Executive Board on the laureates
- **MAY 2023**: Presentation of the Prizes and Awards to the laureates during the World Health Assembly

Confirmation of the Selection Panels → The application process → The selection process → The awards ceremony
Procedure for submitting candidates for the prizes and award in 2023

01 | Email
WHO Member States submit nominations for candidates by email to foundationprizes@who.int by the timeline.

02 | Check
The candidature must include:
- a transmittal letter or Note Verbale;
- the candidature form(s) in English, French or Spanish;
- both documents must be signed and stamped by the submitting national health authority;
- and adequate justification and documentation should be enclosed.

03 | National health administration
Each national health administration can nominate only one candidate per award.

04 | Recycle
Candidates not selected in past years can be nominated again.

05 | Cross
Current or former WHO staff member and current members of the Executive Board are ineligible to receive such prizes and award.

06 | Hand
Former laureates of a Prize may put forward the name of a candidate for that same Prize.

The candidature forms for each prize and award are available on the Governance website at apps.who.int/gb/awards.
Queries can be sent to foundationprizes@who.int