

BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards 2025 (18th Ed)

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Description

The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards recognize fundamental contributions in a broad array of areas of scientific knowledge, technology, humanities and artistic creation.

These awards recognize world-class research and artistic creation, prizing contributions of singular impact for their originality and significance; not only research work that substantially enlarges the scope of our current knowledge – pushing the frontiers – but also considers the overlap of different disciplines and emergence of new fields.

The award categories are:

- Basic Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)
- Biology and Biomedicine
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Climate Change and Environmental Sciences
- Economics, Finance and Management
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Music and Opera

The Climate Change and Environmental Sciences award recognizes both research endeavours in these two areas and impactful actions informed by the best science. The Music and Opera category encompasses composition, instrumental and vocal performance, musical and stage direction, and video art creation associated with musical or operatic works.

Eligibility

There are several award categories. Please refer to the [BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge Awards conditions web page](#) for additional criteria.

- Awards may not be granted posthumously.
- Self-nomination is not permitted.

- Candidates may be one or more natural persons of any nationality, without limitation of number, that have made independent or convergent contributions to a given advance, whether due to a formal collaboration (with the nominees belonging to one or more groups) or parallel working.
- The awards are also open to scientific or cultural organizations that can be collectively credited with exceptional contributions to scientific knowledge, cultural creation or the fight against climate change.
- The same organization, institution or individual nominator may put forward more than one candidate without limitation of number, but no candidate may be nominated in more than one award category.
- Award recipients are required to attend the Frontier Awards formal presentation ceremony.

Prize

The BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Awards consist of 400,000 Euros, a diploma and a commemorative artwork in each of their eight categories.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 9:00am	If you wish to be considered for VPR nomination: 1. We recommend discussing your interest in this award with your College Research Manager and Associate Dean (Research). 2. Complete the Expression of Interest document. 3. Send the completed Expression of Interest document and a CV to ailsakay@uoguelph.ca and copy your College Research Manager. Career interruptions due to parental leave, family care, extended illness, or community responsibilities will not

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		negatively impact the committee's assessment of a candidate's research productivity. These will be taken into consideration when EOIs are assessed.
External Deadline	Monday, June 30, 2025 - 11:00am	If your nomination will be submitted by a nominator other than the VPR, please submit directly to the sponsor by the external deadline. Please also submit a copy of the full nomination and OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca .

How to Apply

The Vice-President (Research & Innovation) encourages nominations for this prestigious award, and will serve as nominator for those nominees recommended by the Honours and Awards Advisory Committee. If you wish to nominate a colleague or to be considered for VPR nomination:

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As this is an international prize, the University may engage the [Global Excellence Initiative](#) to coordinate external review of nominations.

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If your nomination will be submitted by a different nominee, and therefore does not require the Vice-President's endorsement, please submit a complete nomination and signed OR-5

to research.services@uoguelph.ca by the external deadline.

For More Information

For more information, please contact awards-info@fbbva.es or ailsakay@uoguelph.ca. Please also visit the [BBVA Frontiers of Knowledge Awards web page](#).

Alert Classifications **Category:**

Honours and Awards

Disciplines:

Health and Life Sciences

Humanities

Information and Communications Technology

Physical Sciences and Engineering

Social Sciences

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