Caroline von Humboldt-Prize 2021

Caroline von Humboldt (1766-1829) was a self-confident, well-educated woman, who loved the arts. She was married to Wilhelm von Humboldt for close to 40 years. As an avid letter-writer, patron of the arts, and salonière she became a highly regarded critic and observer of her time.

The Caroline von Humboldt Prize, inaugurated in 2010, is awarded annually to a female postdoc. It is the first research prize at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin that is exclusively awarded to female scientists and is one of the highest awards of its kind in Germany. The award honors an excellent early career academic for her scientific achievements and serves to support her further research activities. The prize money enables the winner to carry out a research project at Humboldt-Universität (“Scientist in Residence”), subject to applicable pandemic regulations.

The Caroline von Humboldt award is designed to offer sustainable support to exceptional, international female scientists active in any field of research and to provide more recognition for the outstanding achievements of women in science.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Recipients are selected by an independent selection committee presided by the Vice President for Research at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible are female scientists who do not hold a tenured professorship and whose PhD was completed not more than seven years ago (plus two years per child, if applicable).

PROCEDURE

Only Professors from universities and external research institutions, and professors of colleges of higher education in Germany and beyond can nominate candidates for the award. Direct applications are not accepted. Submissions should indicate in which Humboldt-Universität working group or chair the candidate would like to participate and include a letter of confirmation by the respective institute (Please note: research stays at Charité are not possible).
Nominations should include the following:

- Motivation of nomination
- Personal data (name, address, CV)
- Scientific vita
- Professional qualifications
- List of publications
- Teaching achievements
- Project description (maximum of 5 pages)
- Abstract of project (maximum of 400 words)
- Indication of and hosting agreement by the chair or working group of the planned research stay (Scientist in Residence programme)

All nominations are to be received – in electronic format and in English or German – no later than May 31st, 2021. Complete nominations should be sent to the following email address: cvh-prize@hu-berlin.de.

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