



Rewarding the best in European
Research and Science Communication

THE 2006 DESCARTES PRIZES

€1.425 million for leading researchers
and science communicators

How To Apply?

A joint call for proposals for both Descartes Prizes was published on 17 December 2005. The closing date for applications is 4 May 2006 at 17:00 (Brussels local time).

Guidelines, application forms and information are available on the Cordis website:
http://fp6.cordis.europa.eu.int/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call_id=266

For further information, please visit the Descartes website:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/descartes/index_en.htm
or please contact: rd-descartes@cec.eu.int

Why participate in the Descartes Prizes?

"It is a proud moment for a social science project at last to win the Descartes Research Prize. It illustrates not only how far social science has travelled in recent years, but also that the wider scientific community has been paying attention."

Prof. Roger Jowell

City University, United Kingdom

Winner of the 2005 Descartes Research Prize

"The Descartes Prize is an enormously generous and prestigious prize, and I am deeply honoured to receive it, of course. But more than that, it provides a huge and very welcome boost to science communication and research -- two areas that are central to all our futures but are often underappreciated."

Bill Bryson

Writer, United Kingdom

*Winner of the 2005 Descartes
Communication Prize*

The Descartes Prize for Excellence in Scientific Collaborative Research

Since the launch of this Prize in 2000, 16 different projects have been rewarded, involving 105 teams from 24 EU and non EU countries, which achieved major scientific breakthroughs in key European research areas.

In 2006, €1.15 million will be shared among winners and finalists. Up to five winning teams will be rewarded a minimum of €200,000 each and five finalist teams will receive €30,000 each.

The Prize recognizes Europe's most outstanding scientific and technological results achieved through cross-border collaborative research.

Proposals for the Research Prize can be made directly by the research teams from appropriate public and private organisations. Universities and foundations may also submit candidate teams.

The Descartes Prize for Excellence in Science Communication

Now in its third year, this Prize intends to stimulate interest in science communication and to improve the quality of science communication towards the general public. It rewards creative achievements in the fields of television, radio, publishing, public events, etc.

Since 2004, 10 European personalities have won this prize, selected by a panel of leading EU scientists and media professionals. This year, up to five winners will receive a minimum of €50,000 each and five finalists €5,000 each.

This prestigious competition targets organisations or individuals who have already been selected as winners by European and/or national organisations which carry out existing science communication prizes of any kind.

Submission of proposals shall be made by these prize-giving organisations.



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