



CSS JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC AWARD

REGULATION

Article 1: CSS Junior Scientific Award

The CSS promotes the Junior Scientific Award to recognize the excellence in the scientific career of young CSS members. It will be awarded once a year to a maximum of two young researchers (up to ten years after PhD completion) who have achieved outstanding results in complexity science in the areas representative of the CSS. The application procedure, candidates' requisites, selection process and timing are detailed in the following articles.

Article 2: Award

The Award will consist of a 1-year CSS membership, a free registration for the corresponding annual CSS Conference, an invitation to the Award Ceremony, and a Diploma.

Article 3: The Scientific Assessment Commission

- A selection committee (SC) panel will carry out the evaluation and selection of candidates among those that have been nominated and are eligible.
- The selection committee will consist of 4 to 6 members plus its Chair.
- The President of the CSS or one of the vice-presidents, will act as the Chair of the selection committee.
- The SC members will be appointed each year by the EC.
- The SC is composed of members of the CSS.
- All macro-areas of the CSS should be represented in the selection committee whenever possible.
- Members of the SC should alert the Chair if a conflict of interest with any of the nominees arises.

Article 4: Selection Procedure

- The members of the SC will ensure the adequate compliance with the principles of equality, fairness, objectivity, transparency and confidentiality of the information provided.

- The selection committee will propose to the EC of the CSS a ranked list of the candidates according to their outstanding contributions.
- The EC of the CSS will take the final decision. The proposal of the SC will be followed, unless violations of the award rules or other issues are appreciated.
- - The award will be based only on excellence, independently of the area of research within the scope of complex systems science. Nevertheless, when ties between candidates arise, the EC of the CSS will promote representation of diversity of areas among the selected candidates, taking also into account the areas to which previous awardees belong to. The EC can also take into account the involvement of the candidates in the life of the CSS to break ties.

Article 5: The Candidacies

- All applications should be sent electronically to the address indicated in the Call for Nominations.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Nominees should be members of the CSS at the moment of their nominations.
- Any young member of the society, in whatever discipline of those covered by the CSS, can be nominated.
- Nominations can also be sent by scientists who are not members of the CSS.
- Young researchers are considered as so whenever the time elapsed between the PhD completion and the call for nominations is at most 10 years.
- A full application will consist of the following material:
 - a) The **nominator** should send a **candidature statement** describing and motivating the candidacy of the nominee to the award (maximum 3 pages) and which is the nominee's main area of research.
Multiple nominations by the same nominator are not allowed.
 - b) Letters of support from at least **2 researchers** supporting the nomination.
Supporting letters to multiple candidates are discouraged.
 - c) A **CV** of the candidate, including the most relevant contributions.

Article 6: Timing for Candidatures' Submission

- The CSS will call for nominations once a year.
- The call will be launched at least 4 months before the award ceremony.
- Nominations can be sent at any time between the call opening and the deadline for the reception of nominees. The latter will be at least 2 months before the ceremony award takes place.
- The candidatures for the award have to be forwarded in line with the yearly notice of competition. The notice will specify the deadline by which the Scientific Commission will proclaim the winners.

Article 7: Prize Awarding

The Award ceremony will take place at the corresponding annual CSS Conference.