

OUTLINE

Sweden Impact Award

*to be presented at
“Impact of Science 2017”*

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OUTLINE FOR THE SWEDEN IMPACT AWARD

BACKGROUND

Since societal impact has become a standard task in most of the scientific world, a great deal of attention has been focused on how to demonstrate this impact. Accountability has led to the need of measurable indicators and preferably international standards. An award, organised by an international, independent organisation outside the science policy areas, can contribute to and support the development of such standardised and measurable indicators, by organising an award which rewards the synergy between world class research and societal impact.

WHY SWEDEN

The “Impact of Science” conference and “Impact Award” will be held in Sweden, because there is a political momentum in which impact evaluation is a main point of discussion. Many stakeholders are looking for methods to structure the landscape of impact of science. This context provides the perfect opportunity to organise the first “Impact Award” in Sweden by an international expert network: AESIS. ScienceWorks, the bureau that manages the AESIS Network, has experience with awarding science based manifestations in society on a national level in the United States, United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Sweden (see picture).



*Most entrepreneurial scientist of Sweden: winner Mathias Uhlen in 2009
(in the picture is Stefan Ståhl receiving the price in his stead)*

SWEDEN IMPACT AWARD 2016-17

The winner of the “Sweden Impact Award” will be announced on 12 June 2017 in Stockholm, during the AESIS annual conference “Impact of Science”. There will be four categories and for every category the university can nominate one project:

- ✓ Physical sciences and Engineering
- ✓ Medical and Life sciences
- ✓ Social sciences*
- ✓ Arts & Humanities*

In each of these categories a winner will be selected by a jury of Swedish and international experts in the field of societal impact of science. The winner will receive € 5.000,- in prize money.

A nomination should be a research project, for which the objectives and outputs can be clearly specified. Nominations should not entail an entire research programme, or one specific person’s (life’s) work. The research project should have been visibly set in motion no longer than 20 years ago (1996 to 2016). Outside from these basic assumptions, you are free to nominate any project.

* These categories were combined due to a lower number of submissions

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- ✓ The central management of all the main public research organisations in Sweden will be asked to nominate world class research projects with the highest impact.
- ✓ Top 5's will be selected based on a quantitative analysis of the submitted information.
- ✓ The projects in this shortlist will be asked to submit evidence of their impact.
- ✓ Based on the submitted information and evidence put forward the jury will select a winner.

INDICATORS

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) process in the UK has set a new international standard on measuring societal impact. Therefore the AESIS award selection procedure will include the combination of qualitative and quantitative criteria conceptualised by the REF to evaluate impact. Research projects will be awarded, not researchers or institutes. There will be a clear partition between quantitative and qualitative indicators, which will determine the winner in each of the four categories of the award. In order to become influential, the winner should not only have great impact on society, but should also have a good scientific reputation.

JURY MEMBERS

Chairs per category

Category	Chair
Medical & Life Sciences	: Peter Allebeck, <i>Secretary General at Forte</i>
Social Sciences	: Markku Rummukainen, <i>Secretary General at Formas</i>
Physical Sciences & Engineering	: Christina Ullenius, <i>Chair Education & Research Policy at IVA</i>
Arts & Humanities	: Wiljan van den Akker, <i>Director of the Centre for the Humanities, Utrecht University, the Netherlands</i>

General members of the jury

Name	Organisation
David Sweeney	: Executive Chair Designate at Research England and Advisory Board member of the AESIS network
Susan Renoe	: Director of the Broader Impacts Network, USA of the University of Missouri and Advisory Board member of the AESIS network
Lars Hultman	: Chief Executive Officer at Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research (SSF)
Koenraad Debackere	: General Manager K.U. Leuven, Belgium and Chair of the Advisory Board of the AESIS network
Sven Stafström	: Director General of the Swedish Research Council

TIMELINE

✓ **October and November 2016**

Criteria

AESIS together with experts in the Swedish research community will develop the criteria with which the projects will be evaluated.

Approaching and confirming jury members

In order to form a high quality jury, international and Swedish experts in the field of policy and science will be approached by AESIS to be a member of the jury.

✓ **December 2016**

Finalising the format and indicators

AESIS, together with the members of the Jury, will decide on the final format and indicators of the award

✓ **January 2017**

Nomination procedure

AESIS, together with the Chairs of the Jury and conference, will address the central management for nominations from all main public research organisations in Sweden.

✓ **March 15, 2017**

Nomination deadline

✓ **March-April 2017**

Making a shortlist

Nominations are processed by AESIS and analysed put forward a preliminary ranking of projects.

✓ **April 15, 2017**

The shortlist (top 5) will be announced

Proof of impact will be asked from the projects that made it to the shortlist.

✓ **May 1, 2017**

Proof of Impact deadline

✓ **May 2017**

Selecting the winners

Based on the filled out form and submitted evidence the jury will announce a top 3 from the shortlist.

✓ **June 12, 2017**

Award ceremony

AESIS will organise a festive award ceremony during the conference "Impact of Science" 2017, representatives from the top 3 research projects per discipline are cordially invited to the ceremony and conference