ET Outreach Award

The Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW) announces a prize made available from the De Zeeuw-Van Dishoeck Fund for a project that aims to bring astronomy to the attention of a wider audience. This annual ET Outreach Award has a total value of € 5,000 consisting of a prize (€ 1,500) and a contribution to the project costs (€ 3,500). The award aims to promote “Outreach” as one of the responsibilities of astronomers. Outreach includes communication and engagement with the general public; the use of astronomy in primary and secondary education; and the use of astronomy as a tool for development (capacity building).

Qualifying recipients are early-career astronomers, i.e. Masters students, PhD students and postdocs (up to a maximum of 4 years after PhD award) who propose an outreach project to be carried out in The Netherlands. An independent jury consisting of members of the KHMW and, if necessary, an external expert, will judge the submissions. The application will be assessed for, amongst other things, originality, feasibility of the project, and the expected impact.

Nominations for the ET Outreach Award (either in Dutch or in English) must be submitted electronically before July 1, 2020, to Prof. dr. A.P. IJzerman, natural science secretary of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (secretaris@khmw.nl) with the following information (max. 6 pages A4):

a) surname, first name, place of residence, employment / institution and CV of the applicant(s);
b) a description of the project and of the outreach goals that it aims to achieve;
c) an accurate estimate of the project costs;
d) a planning of the project phase, including supervision (max. 1 year);
e) material that can further support the application, for example a letter of recommendation.

The Society explicitly invites women to respond.

The prize will be awarded during an ET Outreach meeting to be determined. Winning the prize implies that the project will be started. The results will be presented at the ET Outreach meeting the following year. During the project (max. 1 year after award), a mid-term report is presented to the jury, which will advise if necessary. The jury also takes note of the final product. The impact of the project is evaluated by means of a questionnaire, and illustrated by a photo or video report.