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Dear Chancellors:

I write today to announce the second year of the competition for UC students and post-doctoral fellows to be selected as *UC President's Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings Fellows* in 2021. This program, a collaboration between my office and the Office of the Chief Investment Officer, will provide funding for up to 20 UC students to attend the 2021 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in Lindau, Germany.

This letter is to advise you that we are actively seeking nominations for these fellowships to attend the Lindau Interdisciplinary Meeting being held from June 27 through July 2, 2021. This meeting will concentrate on the fields of Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, and Physiology, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary research. We are also seeking nominations for the Lindau meeting on Economic Sciences being held from August 24 through August 28, 2021. Please note that the 2020 Lindau meetings were held virtually. The *UC President's Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings Fellows* selected in 2020 are also invited to attend the 2021 meetings. This solicitation seeks to identify additional fellows who will attend in 2021. Those who were nominated and named as fellows in 2020 need not be nominated again; their place is secure.

We are targeting October 2 for applications to be submitted to UCOP at [UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu](mailto:UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu). This will ensure that completed applications can be submitted to the Lindau organization in a timely fashion.

Begun nearly seven decades ago, today the Lindau meetings bring together 600 university students and post-doctoral fellows from around the world who spend one week absorbing lectures by Nobel Laureates and interacting with them in smaller groups to discuss their own research. The theme of the meetings – educate, inspire and connect – has led us to see these meetings as places where our students not only learn, but begin to build the research networks that will enrich their lives and help create the broadest sense of community.

At this time, we ask that you engage in outreach to your campus deans and departments in order to encourage the best applicants to apply. Campus representatives and potential applicants may also send questions to Professor Robert Powell at [rlpowell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlpowell@ucdavis.edu).

### **Fellowship Description**

The Office of the Chief Investment Officer will provide funds for students and post-doctoral fellows to travel to Lindau, Germany to participate in a Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting. Allowable expenses are covered by University of California Travel Policy. Fellows may be asked to travel to

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an orientation meeting prior to the Lindau Nobel Meeting. Expenses associated with that trip and any other trips authorized by the Office of the President for this purpose will be covered.

### **Selection Criteria**

Overall selection criteria are provided by the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. In addition, UC will seek to ensure that qualified individuals from each of our 10 campuses are represented in the finalist pool. We also seek to ensure that the diversity of the pool of candidates reflects the diversity of the state of California in all aspects.

### **Selection Process**

Campuses should identify a point of contact who may forward up to five nominations to the Office of President at [UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu](mailto:UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu). These will be screened both by Lindau and an advisory group that I will appoint. I will select UC's fellows based upon the recommendations of the UC advisory group.

The Selection Criteria 2020 document provides a set of criteria that each applicant must meet.

### **Critical Guidelines for Applications**

Completed applications are due to UCOP by 5 PM on October 2, 2020. Applications are to be submitted to [UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu](mailto:UCLindauNobelApplication@ucop.edu) Applications must include:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation
- Statement of Commitment to attend the entire meeting in Lindau
- Statement of purpose in attending the meeting and how an applicant's background satisfies the criteria for selection. For the 2021 interdisciplinary science meeting, this statement must emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of the applicant's work.

Thank you in advance for engaging in this exciting opportunity for UC students. If you have any questions, please contact to Professor Robert Powell ([rlpowell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlpowell@ucdavis.edu)), who has been asked to help with this program in the upcoming year.

Yours very truly,

  
Janet Napolitano  
President

Attachment



# LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

## Selection Criteria 2020

### for the 70<sup>th</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting (Interdisciplinary)

Nobel Laureates in Chemistry, Physics, and Physiology or Medicine will be invited to the interdisciplinary Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting to be held 28 June–3 July 2020. About 600 highly talented young scientists will be the audience for their talks, panel discussions on interdisciplinary topics and small-size discussion sessions. These young participants will be recruited worldwide among (1) undergraduate students, (2) master and doctoral students and (3) young postdoctoral scientists from the above-mentioned fields and related disciplines.

The following standards and criteria have been defined for their selection:

All nominated participants shall

- show a genuine interest and engagement in science and research,
- show excellence in their principal field of studies and, in addition, commitment to interdisciplinary work, documented for example by double degrees or interdisciplinary projects in their research work,
- receive very strong support of their application by their academic advisor and/or by an internationally renowned scientist, who knows the applicant well; a detailed letter of recommendation is indispensable for the application,
- deliver a comprehensive CV together with their application (as attachment),
- be fluent in English and prepared to actively participate in discussions with laureates and young scientists
- belong to the top 5 percent of their class,
- normally not have a permanent position as this is a criterion for exclusion except in special cases,
- be not older than 35 years of age at the date of the meeting with exceptions for special cases (e.g. maternity leave),
- not have participated in a previous Lindau Meeting,
- deliver fully completed applications in their online profiles on or before the deadline of 24 October 2019 (responsibility of the nominated individuals; incomplete applications will not be considered) and
- commit themselves to being present in Lindau for the full duration of the meeting.

It is intended to have a well-rounded balance between these three groups:

(1) Undergraduate students, who

- exhibit a solid general knowledge in the sciences and
- have done practical work and/or have laboratory experience.

(2) Master and doctoral students, who

- show excellent academic accomplishments and
- have already produced excellent research work, e.g. documented by publications, conference presentations, and/or research awards/prizes.

(3) Postdoctoral scientists, who

- have up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience (optimum about 2-3 years after the doctoral degree),
- have published excellent results, preferably of own scientific research in refereed journals and as first or last and/or corresponding author,
- have presented their work at international scientific meetings, preferably as (invited) lecturers.

Please contact Nadine Gärber at [nadine.gaerber@lindau-nobel.org](mailto:nadine.gaerber@lindau-nobel.org) if you have any questions.