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**HFSP Nakasone Award 2023  
Call for Nominations  
Deadline: 6 May 2022**

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSPO) invites nominations for the 2023 HFSP Nakasone Award, an annual award for ground-breaking contributions or breakthrough discoveries in the life sciences.

Nominations are now open and must be received by HFSPO before **6 May 2022**.

This award recognizes the vision of former Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan in the creation of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) whose mission is “to promote, through international cooperation, basic research focused on the elucidation of the sophisticated and complex mechanisms of living organisms.”

The HFSP Nakasone Award recognizes achievements in scientific excellence that have moved the frontiers of knowledge in biology. The award is for a particular discovery or set of discoveries. It is not a life-time achievement award.

A list of former winners is on the HFSP website at <http://www.hfsp.org/awardees/hfsp-nakasone-award>. The selection of the award winner(s) will be made by the Council of Scientists at their meeting in July 2022.

The awardee(s) will receive an unrestricted research grant of 15,000 USD, a commemorative gold medal, a certificate and will deliver the HFSP Nakasone Lecture at the HFSP Awardees Meeting in 2023.

**Selection Criteria:**

The award is for scientific excellence of a clearly defined discovery or series of discoveries in basic life science research, in accord with HFSP’s mission to support basic research into the “complex mechanisms of living organisms.” Areas have traditionally ranged from molecular and cellular approaches to biological functions to systems neuroscience including cognitive functions. However, all levels of complexity involving mechanisms of biological phenomena or the interactions between organisms themselves and with the environment will be considered.

The discovery or discoveries shall:

1. be frontier contributions to knowledge in the life sciences;
2. have resulted in a notable conceptual breakthrough that has had significant consequences for scientists throughout the world;
3. be identifiable via (a) specific publication(s).

Experimental, conceptual and technological contributions are all eligible.

The award is not for life-time achievement.

**Eligibility:**

This is an open award, not restricted to HFSP funded scientists and there are no restrictions on who may be nominated. However, HFSP has a focus on early career scientists through its fellowship and research grant funding programs and so nominations of scientists who have achieved a recent significant breakthrough at an early stage of their careers are especially encouraged.

Both the nomination and the nominees may be from any country.

Up to two scientists may be jointly nominated and share the HFSP Nakasone Award. These scientists should be co-authors on breakthrough publications or collaborators of key discoveries. Separate nominees for the same breakthrough will not be considered.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Coordinated multiple nominations for a candidate(s) will be considered as a single nomination. While nominations for a scientist may be submitted by several different parties, there is no advantage to submitting several nominations for the same person. Multiple nominations will be merged for the purpose of the review.

Members of the HFSPO Board of Trustees and Council of Scientists are not eligible for nomination and may not nominate candidates to avoid the perception of conflict of interest. [[1]](#footnote-1)

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**HFSP Nakasone Award 2023  
Nomination Form  
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**Complete the form by answering the questions below and try not to exceed 2 pages in all, and do not change the character type and size.**

**Candidate(s) Name:**

**Institutional Address:**

**E-mail:**

**Website:**

The nomination consists of the seven sections listed below. Please complete all sections carefully to help the selection committee and to avoid unnecessary follow-up questions.

1. **Citation**: Please provide a short summary (1-2 sentences) of the nominee’s work that can be used as a citation for the award announcement and back it up with reasoning in the following sections.
2. **Summary of contributions**: Please describe the significance and the impact of the nominee’s work. Why is this discovery or contribution unique?
3. **The nominee’s standing**: Please explain the nominee’s standing and recognition relative to others in this field of research.
4. **Co-nominees**: In case there are potential co-nominees (who you consider to have contributed to the discovery or contribution described above) please provide the names and institutions of those the selection committee could consider alongside the main nominee above.
5. **Description of the research breakthrough**: Please give a brief statement of 2-3 paragraphs explaining the reason for nominating this candidate (or candidates). Please nominate according to the selection criteria above and please emphasize your nominee’s(s’) specific contribution(s) as reflected in their key publications.
6. **Biography/CV**: Please provide a short biography of up to 300 words and remember to attach the nominee(s) CV.
7. **Publications**: List up to **five** relevant key publications (include only those in which the original idea/experiment was presented and developed).

**Proposer Name:**

**Institutional Address:**

**E-mail:**

**Phone:**

**Website:**

**When completed please submit the form in Word format together with the candidate’s CV by e-mail to** [**hfspnakasone@hfsp.org**](mailto:hfspnakasone@hfsp.org) **by the** **6 May 2022 deadline**. After an initial screening you might be contacted for more information.

1. The current members are listed on the HFSP website: <https://www.hfsp.org/about/governance/board-trustees> and <https://www.hfsp.org/about/governance/council-scientists>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)