Once every year, about 30 Nobel Laureates convene at Lindau to meet the next generation of leading scientists: 400-600 undergraduates, PhD students, and post-doc researchers from all over the world. The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings foster the exchange among scientists of different generations, cultures, and disciplines.

Nobel Laureates in Physiology or Medicine will be invited to the 2018 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting to be held from 24 to 29 June 2018. About 600 highly-talented young scientists will be the audience for their lectures, panel discussions and small-size discussion sessions.

Columbus has established an agreement with the Lindau Foundation to promote the participation of youth students/researchers from its member universities in the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. The nomination of participants will be coordinated by Columbus, under the conditions and academic criteria of the Selection Panel of the Council of Lindau Meetings, described below. The university that presents the candidate must ensure that the candidate meets the defined standards and selection criteria.

**Selection Criteria 2018**

These young participants will be recruited worldwide among (1) undergraduate students, (2) master and doctoral students and (3) young postdoctoral scientists in the field of Physiology or Medicine and closely related disciplines. The following standards and criteria have been defined for their selection:

All nominated participants and open applicants shall:

- show a genuine interest in science and research,
- show a strong commitment to their principal field of studies and to interdisciplinary work,
- receive strong support of their application by their academic advisor and/or by internationally renowned scientists, through a detailed letter of recommendation, which greatly influences the evaluation. For those in medical clinical training, two letters of recommendation would be helpful – one from a scientific mentor and one from a medical mentor,
- be fluent in English and capable of active participation in discussions,
- belong to the top 5 percent of their class,
- not yet have a permanent position (scientists with permanent positions – in particular on the professor level – will in general not be admitted to the meeting),
- not be older than 35 years of age,
- not have participated in previous Lindau Meetings,
- deliver fully completed applications in their online profiles (NAPERS) on or before the deadline of 2 November 2017 for the nominated individuals and on or before the 18 October 2017 for open applicants (all incomplete applications will not be considered) and commit themselves to being present for the full duration of the meeting.
It is intended to have a good balance between these three groups:

1. **Undergraduate students, who**
   - exhibit a solid general knowledge in physiology or medicine
   - have done some practical work and/or have laboratory experience.

2. **Master and doctoral students, who**
   - show excellent academic accomplishments and
   - have produced some very good research work
   - and/or are in medical clinical training

3. **Postdoctoral scientists, who**
   - have up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience (optimum about 2-3 years after doctoral degree),
   - have published results of their own scientific research in peer-reviewed journals, preferably as first author, and
   - have presented their work at international scientific meetings, preferably as lecturers.

**How to nominate?** The process takes three steps:

1. **Presentation of candidates to Columbus:** The member universities are invited to present the candidates who meet the above requirements, who will be nominated by the Columbus Association to the Lindau Foundation. For this, the institutions must send **before October 2** to **projects@columbus-web.org** the following data of the candidate:
   
   **Full name - Contact phone number - Email address**

2. **Online application submission:** The nominees for Columbus will receive from Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings the information necessary to complete an online application form, a necessary step for the evaluation of applications. The deadline for submission of the online application is **November 2, 2017.**

3. **Notification of results:** The official notification to the selected candidates will be during the month of February 2018.

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**Costs of participation:** The participation in the meetings has a cost of 5,000 €. Between 2018-2020, for the candidates nominated by Columbus, the Lindau Foundation will cover 75% of the cost of participation (€ 3,750). When the corresponding 25% of one of the selected participant (€ 1,250) cannot be covered, the Foundation and the Council will examine the possibility of covering the expenses. In any case, the transfer to Lindau, Germany, must be covered.

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