

« CO₂-free » scientific prize Conditions for participation

§ 1 – Preamble

1. The CO₂-free scientific prize is organized by the French Embassy in Slovakia with the support of Framatome
2. A prize will be awarded to two winners for work in the following two fields (one winner per field):
 - Science and technology related to nuclear energy, in particular nuclear power
 - Science and technology for decarbonization and environmental protection
3. Winners will be determined by competition.
4. By submitting their application, the participant declares that they accept the conditions indicated in the present text.

§ 2 – Conditions of participation

1. Are eligible to apply individuals who, on the date of submission of their candidature, are enrolled in a PhD programme or hold a PhD and work in a Slovak university, research institution or technology company.
2. To take part in the "CO₂-free" scientific prize, each candidate must submit an application file to the French Embassy in Slovakia, the contents of which are detailed in the paragraph §3.2 below.

§ 3 - Participation to the competition

1. The competition begins with the publication, on the website of the French Institute of Slovakia, of the text announcing the creation of the "CO₂-free" science prize, and ends on December 31, 2026 at 11:59 pm. An extension of delay can be possible for one or both fields of the prize. In this case it will be stated via the official communication canals of the organisers of the prize.
2. The application is formalized by sending, by e-mail to the address martina.saganova@diplo-matie.gouv.fr and no later than the indicated delay, an application file written in English and containing:
 - an academic curriculum vitae, including a list of publications and works;
 - a presentation of the candidate's activities that includes his scientific or technological work, its applications or its application potential, in a maximum of five pages;
 - a summary of this presentation in a maximum of half a page;
 - a letter from the director of the institution or company to which the candidate is affiliated, confirming his affiliation.
3. By participating, candidates accept that their application be transmitted for evaluation to the members of the jury, who are appointed jointly by Framatome and the French Embassy in Slovakia.

4. The French Embassy in Slovakia will inform the selected candidates by an e-mail sent to the address used by the applicant to send the above-mentioned elements.
5. If a winner cannot be reached or does not reply to the message within one month, the prize will be forfeited.
6. The prize consists, for each of the two winners:
 - of the payment by Framatome of 2 000 €, which will be transferred directly to their bank account;
 - of the award, by the French Embassy in Slovakia, of a grant for a "high-level scientific stay", enabling a one-month research stay in a French institution in 2027. The amount varies according to the situation of the candidate. For instance in 2026 the amount can be 1 850 € or 2 055 € (depending on the status of the candidate: PhD. student or doctor, and on the date on which the candidate defended their doctorate if applicable, an amount determined by the rules governing the "France Excellence grants" offered by the French Embassy in Slovakia) and gives them access to support from Campus France in finding accommodation. Given the budgetary programming, this stay must imperatively occur during the year 2027, otherwise the scholarship will be cancelled. The French Embassy in Slovakia will, if necessary, provide assistance to the winner in finding a host institution for this scientific stay.
7. The prize cannot be transferred to a third party.
8. The jury has the final say in its selection of the prize winners and will not have to justify its decision.

§ 4 – Anticipated end of the competition

1. The French Embassy in Slovakia reserves the right to interrupt or end the competition at any time, without preliminary notification and without justification. This holds in particular in the case where the satisfactory operation of the competition is not guaranteed for technical reasons (e.g. viruses in the computer system, manipulation or errors in hardware or software).

§ 5 – Contents and disclaimer

1. The candidate undertakes to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in their application. Any inaccurate statement may justify their exclusion from the competition.
2. The French Embassy is excluded from any liability, to the extent permitted by law.

§ 6 - Data protection and liability

1. The information provided will be transmitted by the French Embassy in Slovakia only to the members of the jury and for the sole purpose of assessing the quality of the applications. In addition, the participants' data is not archived, is not transmitted to third parties and is destroyed after the action.
2. Any legal recourse is excluded.