

Guidelines for nomination and selection of candidates to receive an award from King Olav V Cancer Research Fund

Article 1 Introduction

The King Olav V Cancer Research Fund was established on April 29, 1992, in memory of King Olav V. The fund awards a prize to a cancer researcher, or a group of researchers, who have contributed to furthering the quality and scope of cancer research in Norway. If a group or a defined research environment is suggested, these must be identified by name.

These guidelines are established under the provision of the statutes Article 4, sections 4 and 5.

Article 2 Appointment of the evaluation committee

A committee shall give the board a justified proposal of at least three candidates. This committee must be composed of at least three members. To ensure the committee's impartiality, the members should be international researchers without strong ties to Norwegian cancer research environments. The board of the fund appoints members for a period of two years. Combined the committee should hold a broad scientific background and include members from for example medical sciences, mathematics and natural sciences as well as nursing science. Both sexes should be represented.

Article 3 Process of nomination and selection of candidate

The Norwegian Cancer Society acts as secretariat for the committee.

The Norwegian Cancer Society prepares an invitation to nominate candidates to receive the prize. The nominator shall write a justified proposal for the candidate according to the criteria given in Article 4. An overview of previous recipients of the prize shall be attached to the invitation. The same person can receive the prize only once.

Invitation to nominate candidates should be distributed widely to Norwegian cancer research environments including, but not limited to the dean of any medical and natural science faculty, rector at the universities and university colleges, directors of the regional health authorities, directors of the university hospitals, director of the Norwegian Cancer Registry, Institute of National Health, Norwegian Research Council, The Norwegian knowledge center for the health services, the Norwegian medical association, Norwegian nurses organization and the leaders of the Norwegian Cancer Society's peer review committees.

After the nomination deadline, the committee prepares a selection of at least three candidates, and presents it to the board. This selection should be justified and prioritized. An overview of all other nominated candidates shall be attached.

The board makes the final award decision.

Article 4 Criteria for awarding the prize

Considering the nominated candidates for the prize, the following criteria should be emphasized:

- a) Whether the candidate(s) has a clear cancer relevance in central parts of his/her research career,
- b) Whether a majority of the research has been performed at a Norwegian research institution,
- c) Whether the researcher has achieved international recognition for his/her research,
- d) Whether the candidate(s) over time has contributed to building and strengthening the Norwegian research environment through his/her scientific commitment,

e) Whether the scientific effort represents novel work within the field,

f) To what extent the candidate(s) has disseminated his/her research results to the public

Article 5 Impartiality

A member of the committee or board must not participate in evaluating or deciding which candidate should receive the prize if this may affect him- or herself directly, or his/her relatives, and the person concerned may have pronounced personal or economic interests in the particular case.

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