

Idea

Lem Prize has been established to commemorate the 100th birthday of the great Polish visionary and science fiction novelist, Stanisław Lem, awarded doctorate *honoris causa* of Wroclaw Tech in 1981.

The essential elements of Lem's literary legacy: people, science, technology, progress, and future – are also the core elements defining the mission and aspirations of Wroclaw Tech.

Lem Prize is awarded annually to one young researcher whose creative work in science or engineering has potential for positive impact on the future of civilization increasingly filled with technology.

Candidates

Lem Prize is addressed to young scientists (i.e., under 40 years of age; e.g., in 2023 edition: born in 1983 or later), affiliated with an academic or research institution in Europe (EU member state or an associated country participating in Horizon Europe and Switzerland), regardless of nationality, country of origin, etc.

Achievement

Lem Prize is awarded for a recent discovery or major achievement (made within last 3 years; e.g., in 2023 edition: documented in 2020 or later) in broadly understood fields of science & engineering, with strong elements of technology, interdisciplinarity, creativity, and vision.



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Selection

The Lem Prize Committee consists of 15 members appointed from among the: *professores magni* and members of *Academia luvenum* of Wroclaw Tech as well as distinguished scientists from abroad, including:

- Prof. Reimund Neugebauer (President of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft) Committee Chairman;
- Prof. Marja Makarow (President of Academia Europaea; University of Helsinki);
- Prof. Gérard Albert Mourou (École Polytechnique, Palaiseau-Paris);
- Drs. Robert-Jan Smits (President of the Executive Board of the Eindhoven University of Technology);
- Prof. Maciej Lewenstein (The Institute of Photonic Sciences, Barcelona);
- Prof. Krzysztof Matyjaszewski (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh).

The applications are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- excellence of the conducted research and originality of the idea or method;
- immediate and long-term impact on the particular discipline or research field or beyond, benefits to the global society, and relevance to the major current civilizational challenges;
- scientific, technological, and interdisciplinary aspects of the research or discovery.

Procedure

Applications (or nominations) including the description of discovery or achievement, up to 3 relevant publications, and 2 or 3 letters of recommendation (including at most one by a person affiliated in the same country) must be submitted electronically to the Science Office of Wroclaw Tech (lemprize@pwr.edu.pl) by 30 September 2023. The winner will be announced on 15 November 2023 during the annual celebrations of Wroclaw Tech anniversary.

Reward

The winner receives a monetary reward of PLN 100,000 (approximately EUR 22,000) and a certificate. The winner will also be invited to spend few days in Wrocław (all expenses covered by Wroclaw Tech) to present a lecture about her/his discovery or achievements and to meet with young scientists from Wroclaw Tech. During the stay, an official ceremony of awarding Lem Prize will be held.



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