

The University of Valencia and The Conversation announce the Science Communication Award, with the aim of promoting, acknowledging and boosting the social dissemination of research carried out at the University of Valencia, in accordance with the following

RULES

PURPOSE AND ELIGIBILITY

The award is open to individuals who have defended or submitted their doctoral thesis at the University of Valencia between 1 September 2024 and 30 April 2025.

To take part, participants must submit a popular science article of no more than 1,000 words, based on the topic of their doctoral thesis, placing special emphasis on the scientific and social relevance of the research in progress.

Each author may submit only one article, which must be original, unpublished and not previously awarded in any other competition, and must fall under one of the following categories:

- a) Humanities
- b) Social Sciences
- c) Education
- d) Health Sciences
- e) Basic Sciences
- f) Engineering

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Articles, in PDF format, must be submitted via the University of Valencia's online office: <http://webges.uv.es/uvEntreuWeb>

Type of body to which it is addressed: Serveis universitaris, generals i centrals
Body to which it is addressed: Unitat de Cultura Científica i de la Innovació

The front page must include the article's title, the category for which it is being submitted and the author's name, address, telephone number and email address.

A declaration stating the original and unpublished nature of the article must also be attached.

Entries will be evaluated anonymously by the jury and, therefore, must not contain any reference to the author, either in the text or in any images.

DEADLINE

The period for submission of articles will begin the day after the publication of the extract of the resolution of the call in the *Official Journal of the Government of Valencia* (DOGV) and will end on 25 June 2025 (included).

PRIZES

A prize of €300.00 will be awarded for each category. The prize is indivisible and subject to legally established tax deductions. The winning articles will be published on the science communication platform The Conversation, after editing where appropriate.

The processing and management of the award will be handled by the Science Culture and Innovation Unit of the University of Valencia, and the prize amount will be charged to Chapter IV of its budget, organisational code 6750800000.

JURY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

The jury will be made up of Carolina Moreno, professor of Journalism at the University of Valencia; José Miguel Soriano, professor of Nutrition at the University of Valencia; Rafael Sarraalde, managing director of The Conversation; and Elena Sanz, editor-in-chief of The Conversation.

If a member of the jury identifies a conflict of interest, they must decline to sit on the jury, without prejudice to any responsibilities that may arise if they do not.

To ensure objective assessment of the articles, the jury will apply the following criteria:

- Scientific interest and coherence: up to 3 points
- Creativity and originality: up to 3 points
- Clarity of expression and structure: up to 3 points
- Correct syntax and spelling: up to 1 point

The prize will be awarded through a competitive process, in accordance with Section 1(a), Chapter II, Title X of Law 1/2015, of the Generalitat, on Public Finance, Instrumental Public Sector and Subsidies. The jury will carry out successive rounds of voting until a majority vote is obtained in favour of a particular article in each category, which will then be declared the winner. However, if the jury considers that none of the articles submitted meet the minimum quality required for publication or do not reach a minimum score of 8 points, the prize may be withheld. The prize amount will not be split under any circumstances.

The rules of the award and the final decision will be published on the Notice Board (*Tauler d'Anuncis*) of the University of Valencia, which shall serve as official notification.

The jury's decision will be made public on 30 June 2025.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Submission of applications implies full acceptance of these rules and of the rights and obligations arising from them. Any matters not covered in these rules shall be resolved by the jury at its sole discretion.

DECISION

Based on the jury's proposal, the Rector of the University of Valencia will issue the final decision on the award within a maximum period of six months from the date of publication of the extract of the call in the *Official Journal of the Government of Valencia* (DOGV).

APPEALS

This decision exhausts administrative proceedings. However, an appeal for reconsideration may be lodged within one month from the day following its notification or publication, before the same body that issued it. Alternatively, a judicial appeal may be filed before the administrative courts of the Valencian Community within two months from the day following its publication.

The awarding of these prizes shall be governed by these rules and, on a subsidiary basis, by Law 1/2015, of 6 February, of the Generalitat, on Public Finance, the Instrumental Public Sector and Subsidies, as well as Law 29/2015, of 1 October, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

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Purpose and Legal Basis for Processing. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data, the personal data provided during this process will be incorporated into the relevant information systems of the University of Valencia for the purpose of managing and processing participation in the award, in line with the provisions of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, General Law on Subsidies.

Source of the Data. The University of Valencia will only process data provided directly by the applicant.

Recipients of Personal Data. In relation to the application for participation in the award, the following data disclosures may take place for the purposes stated:

- To financial institutions, for payment of the prize amount awarded.
- Publication of the award decision on the official notice board of the University of Valencia. For informational purposes, the decision may also be published on websites under the official domain of the University of Valencia.

- The names of the awardees, the amount and the purpose of the award may be published on the University's transparency portal (www.uv.es/transparencia), in compliance with Article 8.1(a) of Law 19/2013, of 9 December, on Transparency, Access to Public Information and Good Governance, and Article 23 of Law 1/2022, of 13 April, on Transparency and Good Governance of the Valencian Community.
- In the National Subsidies Database (BDNS), in accordance with Article 20 of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, General Law on Subsidies.

Data Retention Period. The data will be kept and, if necessary, cancelled in accordance with the following criteria:

- For non-awarded participants, data will be retained for the periods provided in administrative legislation, to safeguard the rights of participants.
- For awarded participants, data will be retained throughout the entire period necessary for the management of the award and will be kept for accreditation and certification purposes.

Rights. Individuals providing personal data have the right to request access to their personal data, and to request its rectification or deletion, restriction of processing, or data portability. These rights may be exercised by sending an email to: cdciencia@uv.es (from official University of Valencia addresses), or by submitting a written request accompanied by a copy of a personal ID document and, where applicable, supporting documentation, addressed to the Data Protection Officer of the University of Valencia.

Right to Lodge a Complaint with a Supervisory Authority. The University of Valencia, its foundations and associated entities comply with the LOPD and the GDPR. For any information, suggestions, exercise of rights, or amicable resolution of data protection-related issues, contact: lopd@uv.es. This is without prejudice to the right to lodge a formal complaint with the competent data protection authority.

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