The University of Valencia and the Alzira City Council announce the XXIV «Estudi General» European Award for the Dissemination of Science in collaboration with Edicions Bromera.

The aim is to encourage production and dissemination of works that, with an understandable language, make available to the general public, and pre-university students in particular, new scientific and technological developments and also the dissemination of interesting aspects of the different areas of knowledge.

RULES

1. The award is open to essays devoted to popularise scientific and technological knowledge written in Catalan, Spanish, English and French and have a length between 100 and 200 typewritten double-spaced pages, on one side of an A4 sheet only.

Works can be submitted through the virtual office of the University of Valencia (http://webges.uv.es/uvEntreuWeb) or handed in paper to the University of Valencia Registry Office (Av. Blasco Ibáñez 13, 46010 Valencia), addressed to the Scientific Culture and Innovation Unit. In this last case, an electronic copy shall be enclosed. The cover must include «Opta al Premi Europeu de Divulgació Científica Estudi General 2018», as well as title, author’s name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address. A pseudonym can be used as long as the real names are provided in an attached sealed envelope. The works submitted must be original and unpublished.

They can also be submitted to any official registry office as provided for in Article 38.4 of the Spanish Law 30/1992, of November 26, governing the legal regime of public administrations and the common administrative procedure.

The processing and instruction of this procedure will be carried out by the Scientific Culture and Innovation Unit of the University of Valencia.
2. Deadline for submitting the originals is September 10, 2018. Following the deadline, the titles of the works will be published on the official board of the University of Valencia (https://tauler.uv.es/) and on the Scientific Culture and Innovation Unit website (www.uv.es/cdciencia). A complaint can be filed within 10 days after their publishing by sending an email to cdciencia@uv.es. Following this period, and upon settlement of claims, a definitive list will be released.

3. The prize money is set at €12.000, subject to the withholding tax prescribed by law, as payment of royalties for the first 2,000 copies sold in Catalan and, if it were the case, for the first 2,000 copies sold in Spanish, and it is compatible with any other subsidy, grant, income or prize. The prize money will be charged to the Chapter IV of the budget of the University of Valencia, line item 6750800000 for the Scientific Culture and Innovation Unit.

4. The jury is formed by Maria Dolores Real, vice-rector of Innovation and Transference and who will preside, Soledat Rubio, coordinator of the Sense Fronteres popular science collection, Xavier Duran, winner in the 23rd edition of this award, Pascual García, researcher of the Department of Optics and Optometry and Juan Francisco Fernández de Guevara, researcher of the Department of Economic Analysis. If a member of the jury finds any reason for abstention, they must decline to be part of it, without prejudice to the liabilities for failing to do so. For an objective assessment of works, the jury will consider the following weighting criteria:

   - Scientific interest and coherence: up to 3 points
   - Creativity and originality: up to 3 points
   - Clarity and structure of the: up to 3 points
   - Correct use of grammar and spelling: up to 1 point

5. The prize will be awarded on a competitive basis. Subsequent voting rounds will be held by the jury until a given work obtains a majority, and thus will be the winner. However, the prize may not be awarded if the jury considers that none of the works submitted meets the minimum quality standards to be published. In no case shall the prize money be split between multiple winners.
6. Edicions Bromera and the University of Valencia Publishing Service (Servei de Publicacions de la Universitat de València) will co-publish the Catalan version of the award-winning work in the Sense Fronteres collection. Also, these publishers will have exclusivity rights, for a maximum of one month, to publish any non-winning essay on the recommendation of the jury. The University of Valencia Publishing Service will have exclusivity rights to publish them in other languages and will promote translations.

7. The title of the award-winning work will be made public on November 9, 2018. The prize will be awarded on the same date as the rest of the Premis Ciutat d’Alzira, that is, on November 9, 2018, during a literary awards dinner in which winners will receive the cash prize and a trophy, designed by Manuel Boix and symbol of the Premis Literaris Ciutat d’Alzira.

8. Non-winning originals may be collected from the Scientific Culture and Innovation Unit - Chair for the Dissemination of Science of the University of Valencia, Serpis Street, 29 (Beatriu Civera Building); 46022 Valencia from December 3, 2018. Any courier costs arising from the return of the work will be assumed by the author requesting it. The organisation cannot be held responsible for the accidental loss of any copy. After a period of three months, the works that have not been collected will be destroyed.

9. The winner is committed to be part of the jury in the following edition of the awards, as a duty derived from the award and entitled to remuneration.

10. Submission of any work implies full acceptance of these rules and of the rights and obligations arising from them. All matters not covered by these rules will be solved following the free criteria of the jury.

11. The personal data provided in this call will be incorporated into the proper information systems of the University of Valencia for managing and processing the applications in accordance with the provisions of General Law 38/2003, November 17, on Subsidies.

Those who provide the data have the right to request the person in charge of their processing to access their personal data, their rectification or deletion, or the limitation of their treatment, or to oppose the treatment, as well as the right to the portability of the data. The interested parties may exercise their access rights, by sending an email addressed to lopd@uv.es, sent from official addresses of the University of Valencia, or by writing accompanied by a copy of an Identity document and, where applicable, supporting documents for the application addressed to the Academic Delegate of the Rectorate for the Protection of Data of the University of Valencia.
The following communications of personal data are foreseen without the consent of the people affected:

a) Publication of the beneficiary, amount and object of the prize in the transparency portal of the University of Valencia (www.uv.es/transparencia), in compliance with the provisions of Article 8.1 a) of Law 19 / 2013, December 9, on Transparency, Access to Public Information and Good Governance, and Article 9.1 e) of Law 2/2015, April 2, on Transparency, Good Governance and Citizen Participation in the Valencian Community.

b) In the National Subsidies Database, in compliance with the provisions of Article 20 of general Law 38/2003, November 17, on Subsidies.

c) In the Bank of Santander or Bankia, where appropriate, for the payment of the prize.

Data will be preserved and canceled according to the following criteria:

a) Regarding not awarded persons, the data will be preserved during the periods stipulated in the administrative legislation guaranteeing the rights of competitors.

b) Regarding the awarded person, the data will be kept during the entire period linked to the management of the prize, and will be kept for the purpose of accreditation and certification of the award of the prize.

The competent control authority for the protection of rights regarding the processing carried out by the University of Valencia is the Spanish Agency for Data Protection with domicile at Jorge Juan Street 6 - 28001 Madrid, and the website <www.agpd.es>.

The privacy policies of the University of Valencia can be consulted on the web <http://ir.uv.es/G9EkK70>.

12. The resolution of the prize corresponds to the vice-rector of Innovation and Transfer, by delegation of the Rector of the University of Valencia. Against this resolution, which exhausts the administrative channel, a possible appeal may be lodged within one month from the day following its notification or publication, before the same body that has issued it or directly administrative litigation, before the organs of the contentious administrative jurisdiction of the Valencian Community, within two months from the day following its publication.

13. The granting of these awards will be in accordance with the provisions of these bases and, in addition, Law 1/2015, February 6, of the Generalitat, Public Treasury, the Public Sector and Subsidies, and Law 30/1992, November 26, on the Legal Regime of Public Administrations and the Common Administrative Procedure.