**Guidelines for the Innovating Science Award**

Please refer to the [guidelines](https://www.nature.com/jcpghfmqlz/nominations) for more information.

**Application process for the Innovating Science Award**

**Please prepare a complete application package.**

The application package must include:

* This application form, completed by the candidate; if applying as a group, a contact person should be selected. To complete this form, you will need:
	+ Your personal details; if applying as a group, names of all candidates and the organization should be listed
	+ A description of the initiative (maximum 700 words), evidence of successful widening interest in STEM subjects (maximum 700 words) and future plans (maximum 500 words), completed by the candidate
	+ A supporting statement (maximum 500 words) by an independent nominator
* A 100-word bio of the candidate or description of the organization, whatever applicable and/or preferred, which will be published on the Nature Research Awards website if the candidate is successfully longlisted
* A headshot of the candidate, group picture or logo of the organisation, whatever applicable and/or preferred, which will be published on the Nature Research Awards website if the candidate is successfully longlisted. High-resolution black and white photographs (150 x 150 pixel JPEG) on white background are preferred.

All information must be in English, but where indicated, social media and other evidence can be accepted in other languages

Awarded to an individual or group who has set up and run an initiative that has supported girls or young women to study, engage with and/or enjoy STEM subjects. Applicants from inside and outside academia can apply – the grassroots initiative can be a day-job or an additional project (if an additional project, the amount that can be achieved alongside a full-time job will be taken into consideration).

**Email the application package as attachments to** **innovating@nature.com**.

**Applications will close on 11 June 2018 (11:59pm BST)**

Please note that your application will only be considered when complete and received by the deadline for applications.

**Application for the Innovating Science Award**

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| ORGANISATION\*: |  |
| NAME(S) OF ALL CANDIDATE(S)\*: |  |
| NAME OF MAIN CONTACT: |  |
| E-MAIL OF MAIN CONTACT: |  |
| PHONE NUMBER OF MAIN CONTACT: |  |

\*If applying as a group, please choose the main point of contact for the award, whilst ensuring you list your organisation’s name (if there is one) and all relevant candidates.

**Contact details of candidate**

**Details of your application**

**Description of initiative**

Please provide a brief summary (maximum 700 words) of your or your organisation’s initiative aimed at encouraging girls and young women to engage with STEM subjects. Up to 5 links to supporting material can be provided, such as YouTube videos, Twitter accounts, blog posts and WeChat activity), which can be supplied in local languages.

**Description of initiative cont.**

**Achievements in widening access to science**

Please describe (maximum 700 words) how successful your initiative has been. This can be the number of participants or attendees, users of apps or other digital tools, anecdotal evidence, quotes, comments or testimonials, social media measures, press comments, etc.

**Achievements in widening access to science (cont.)**

**Ambitions to widen access in the future**

Please provide a brief summary (maximum 500 words) of what you would like to do to further increase access or engagement of girls and young women with STEM subjects.

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| NAME OF THE NOMINATOR: |  |
| EMAIL OF THE NOMINATOR: |  |
| PHONE NUMBER OF THE NOMINATOR: |  |
| RELATIONSHIP TO THE CANDIDATE: |  |

**Contact details and supporting statement from an independent nominator**

Please ask someone who is independent of your organisation or outreach initiative to provide a short (maximum 500 words) essay that describes your main achievements, with emphasis on your role in widening access for women in STEM or showcasing the impact of women in STEM subjects.

**Supporting statement from an independent commentator (cont.)**