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Nature seeks outstanding mentors in France

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Nominations for the 2011 *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science open today. The 2011 awards focus on France, and two prizes of €10,000 will be awarded, one for mid-career and one for lifetime achievement. Nominations close on 27 June 2011. The Awards will be presented by *Nature* Editor-in-Chief Dr Philip Campbell at a ceremony in Paris in October 2011.

The panel of judges for the 2011 Awards will be chaired by Olivier Pourquié, Director of the Institute of Genetics and Molecular and Cellular Biology, Illkirch, France.

Nominees may work in any discipline within the natural sciences, and should be resident in France. They may nominate themselves or be nominated by colleagues and ex-colleagues. Nominations for a candidate must include independent testimonials by at least five researchers mentored by their nominee, not all over the same period.

Full details and nomination forms are available on the 2011 Award page on the *Nature* website:
www.nature.com/nature/mentoringawards/france.
More information about the *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science is available at
www.nature.com/nature/awards/mentorship/

"Of all the activities that take place in the lab, perhaps the least remarked upon and the least rewarded is that of the mentorship of young researchers", says Campbell.

The annual *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science, launched in 2005 to recognize outstanding scientific mentorship, focus on a specific country or countries each year. In previous years the *Nature* Awards have highlighted top-notch mentors in Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, South Africa, and the UK.

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