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Nature seeks outstanding mentors from the Nordic countries

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Nominations for the 2012 *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science open today. The 2012 awards focus on the Nordic countries, including Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Two prizes of €10,000 (or the equivalent local currency) will be awarded, one for mid-career and one for lifetime achievement. Nominations close on Monday 13 August 2012.

The panel of judges for the 2012 Awards will be chaired by Hans Wigzell, Professor Emeritus of Immunology at the Department of Microbiology, Tumour and Cell Biology, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. The panel of judges consists of:

- Harald Stenmark - Department of Biochemistry, the Norwegian Radium Hospital, Norway
- Ruth Palmer - Department of Molecular Biology, Umeå University, Sweden
- Eugene Polzik - Danish National Research Foundation Center for Quantum Optics (Quantop), Niels Bohr Institutet, Denmark
- Markku Kulmala - Department of Physics, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Karl Anker Jørgensen, Department of Chemistry, Aarhus University, Denmark

Nominees may work in any discipline within the natural sciences, and should be resident in Denmark, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden. They may be nominated by colleagues and ex-colleagues or nominate themselves. 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 **2012 Award page** on nature.com. More information about the *Nature* Awards for Mentoring in Science is available on the **community section** on nature.com

"Too often mentoring goes unrecognized and *Nature* is delighted to celebrate such an important contribution to scientific research," says *Nature* Editor-in-Chief Dr Philip Campbell, who is also a judge. "We look forward to receiving nominations from across the Nordic region."

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, France, Germany, Japan, South Africa, and the UK.

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