

What is TWAS

TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world – www.twas.org – is an autonomous international organization founded in Trieste, Italy, in 1983. TWAS represents the best of science in the developing world. Among the major objectives of TWAS is to recognize, support and encourage the pursuit of excellence in science in developing countries. Since 1985, this has been achieved through the implementation of a prize scheme that honours scientists living and working in the South. TWAS also supports scientists and institutions in developing countries through a range of programmes that focus on scientific capacity building.

The administration and financial operation of TWAS is undertaken by UNESCO in accordance with an agreement signed by the two organizations.

2014 TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize in Social Sciences

With funding from the Brazilian government, the annual prize will carry a USD 15,000 cash award.

- The prize reflects the Brazilian government's strong support for TWAS and, more generally, for helping to build scientific capacity in the developing world. Such support has been reflected in the efforts of the former Presidents of Brazil Fernando Henrique Cardoso (TWAS Fellow 1984) and Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and the former Ministers of Science and Technology José Israel Vargas (TWAS Fellow 1988) and Sergio Rezende (TWAS Fellow 2004). President Cardoso and Minister Vargas played central roles in the creation of the TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize in Social Sciences."
- The TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize is named after the renowned Brazilian economist, Celso Monteiro Furtado (1920-2004). Furtado's research focused on the plight of the poor in Brazil and throughout South America. He emphasized the importance of devising economic development policies that focused on building a strong industrial base for what he often referred to as 'peripheral economies'. He also foresaw the rise of a globalized world, which he said would be spurred by 'the spread of the world economy', and he urged developing countries to take steps to ensure that they would not be marginalized in the face of these trends.
- The TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize is accompanied by a medal.
- Prizes are usually presented on a special occasion, often coinciding with the General Meeting of TWAS.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates for the TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize in Social Sciences must be scientists who have been working and living in a developing country for at least ten years immediately prior to their nomination.
- Candidates for the TWAS-Celso Furtado Prize in Social Sciences must meet the following criterion:
 - To have made an outstanding contribution in both understanding and addressing social sciences disciplines such as economics, political sciences and sociology.
- Members of TWAS and candidates for TWAS membership are not eligible for the prize.
- Self nominations will not be considered.

NOMINATIONS

- TWAS is inviting nominations from all its members as well as science academies, national research councils, universities and scientific institutions in developing and developed countries.
- Nominations should be made on the relevant nomination form (which can be downloaded from www.twas.org > Programmes > Prizes). The nomination must clearly state the single contribution the candidate has made to the development of the social sciences, and should be accompanied by the nominee's C.V. and complete list of publications.
- Nominations of women social scientists are particularly encouraged.
- Nominations for the 2014 prize must be received by the TWAS Secretariat no later than **28 February 2014**.

SELECTION

- Selection of the awardees is made on merit. The outstanding contribution of a candidate may be defined in relation to existing opportunities and realistic possibilities available to her/him. This applies particularly to candidates from scientifically disadvantaged countries. Nominations will be evaluated by a specialist committee of TWAS Members.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries and nominations should be addressed to:
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