

JACQUES DERRIDA PRIZE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES 2021

The Karel Janeček Foundation / The Embassy of France in the
Czech Republic

Article 1 **Scope of the competition**

The Karel Janeček Foundation and the French Embassy in the Czech Republic organize a competition for the “Jacques Derrida Prize 2021”.

The goal of this competition is to award the best PhD research work in all fields of social sciences and the humanities. Every institution of research and higher education in Humanities and Social Sciences in the Czech Republic may propose high level candidates.

Article 2 **Institutions involved and coordinators**

All institutions of research and higher education (university faculties of humanities and social sciences and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences) may enlist their students in the competition for the “Jacques Derrida Prize”.

They have to designate a coordinator and provide his or her name to the scientific department of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic **at the latest by March 21st 2021**.

Article 3 **Criteria for selecting participants**

All students of Czech universities, institutions of higher education and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences may take part in the competition provided they fulfill the following conditions:

- Their PhD research is encompassed within the field defined in Article 1.
- They are of Czech or Slovak nationality and are **younger than 33 years old on May 1st 2021**.
- They are currently enrolled in a doctorate cycle at a Czech institution of research and higher education **or** they have defended their PhD dissertation in 2020 or 2021.
- Their PhD studies do not collude with any work for the Karel Janeček Foundation.
- They are the author of at least one scientific article published or accepted for publication (to be proven by a letter from the editor) in a peer-reviewed international periodical.

Article 4 **Role of the coordinator**

The coordinator of the “Jacques Derrida Prize 2021” project has the task of organizing the selection of the best participants from the ranks of the students enrolled at the given institution of research or higher education. These candidates will then be entered by the relevant institution in the competition.

The coordinator shall verify that individual participants fulfill the conditions for participating in the competition (viz. Article 3). Subsequently, he/she shall give to the French Embassy in the Czech Republic the names and contact information – personal and work – of all candidates taking part in the competition **at the latest by April 25th 2021**.

Each coordinator must choose **only one candidate**. The president of the selection committee and the attachée for scientific and university cooperation of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic may preselect candidates should there be too many applications.

Article 5 **Applications to the competition**

Each candidate must deliver by email the complete Application package described in **Annex 1** to the French Embassy in the Czech Republic (scientific department) **at the latest by May 16th 2021**.

Article 6 **Selection committee**

The selection committee will meet on June 9th 2021.

The committee should be presided over by Dr Jérôme Heurtaux, director of the French Research Center in Social Sciences (CEFRES). Further members of this professional selection committee shall be:

- The attachée for scientific and university cooperation of the French Embassy in the Czech Republic.
- One representative of each institution of research and higher education from which candidates have been selected.

Individual applicants shall be invited by the French Embassy. They will present orally – in French or in English – their PhD research to the committee. Presentations shall last 10 minutes, followed by a 10 minutes Q&A.

After the oral presentation, the selection committee shall proceed with the final deliberations. The evaluation of the commission shall be recorded in the protocol. The laureates of the Prize will be informed of the results of the competition within a week after selection committee's meeting.

Article 7 **Financial Subsidies and stipends**

- **1st Prize:** 37³ CZK (i.e. 50.653 CZK) and a stipend for a one-month internship in France
- **2nd Prize:** 12x21x121 CZK (i.e. 30.492 CZK) and a stipend for a one-month internship in France
- **3rd Prize:** 12x21x73 CZK (i.e. 18.396 CZK).

The award prizes are provided directly to the winners by the Karel Janeček Foundation.

Stipends for internships in France are provided by the French Embassy in the Czech Republic. These internships must take place in a French research center, and that at the latest by 15th December 2022.

Winners must confirm to the French Embassy by **January 31, 2022** whether they will conduct the internship or not. The scientific research center shall be chosen entirely by the laureates.

We remind the candidates that this grant awarded by the French embassy **is meant to support an internship and not a post-doc contract.**

A **CEFRES Platform Special Prize for the best paper of the year** will also be supported by the Karel Janeček Foundation. The laureate will receive 21³ CZK (i.e. 9.261 CZK). Details for this special prize are presented in **Annex 2**.

Article 8 **Awarding ceremony**

The official awarding of the Prize will take place on **June 23rd 2021 at the French Embassy** in the presence of His Excellency, the Ambassador of France to the Czech Republic. The awards will be given to the laureates by Professor Jean-Marie Lehn, the Nobel Laureate in Chemistry.

If the epidemiological situation did not allow for the ceremony to be held on that date, it will be postponed to **September 30th 2021**.

The formal ceremony shall be attended not only by all awarded students, but also by their PhD supervisors and the representatives of the universities, institutions of higher education and institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

Students might be invited to cooperate with the media (e.g. interviews) and understand that media materials from ceremonial may be used for marketing purposes.

Article 9 Time Schedule

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| March 21st 2021 | Designation of project coordinators at institutions of higher education. |
| April 25th 2021 | The coordinators inform the French Embassy of the names and contact information of applicants entered for their institution of research and/or higher education. |
| May 16th, 2021 | Deadline for sending the complete documentation of applications at the following address: sciences.prague@gmail.com . |
| June 9th 2021 | Oral presentations by candidates before the selection committee. |
| June 23rd 2021 or September 30th 2021 | Awarding ceremony. |
| At the latest by December 15th 2022 | Internship of awarded students in France. |

Annex 1: Application Package

The application package includes:

- An Academic curriculum vitae, including a list of publications. **For publications in a peer-reviewed academic journal recognized by such databases as Web of Science or Scopus, please indicate their ranking.**

→ and, specifically for the Jacques Derrida prize for best PhD research:

- A max. 5 pages-long, illustrations included, presentation of the applicant's research activities and applicability prospects in English or French
- A max. half-page long summary of the above mentioned presentation with basic information from the aforementioned presentation in Czech and in English or French
- A letter of recommendation written by the applicant's scientific supervisor, presenting both the student and his research work

All documents should be sent altogether in the same email and in the same zip file to sciences.prague@gmail.com. The title of the email and file should be as follow: **"Application to Jacques Derrida Prize – Name Surname – University – Faculty or Institute"**.

Candidates to the Jacques Derrida award also need to sign up [here](#) to complete their application.

→ or, specifically for the CEFRES platform prize for best paper:

- An off-print of the submitted paper for the Prize. NB: only one paper will be taken into consideration; applications including two articles will be excluded.
- The complete bibliographical references and a short summary of the submitted article in English or French.
- A letter explaining the originality and prospects of the research involved in the article.

Applications may be sent directly by young researchers by **April 25th 2021, midnight, to the following address: platformaward@cefres.cz**

Annex 2: CEFRES Platform Special Prize for best article of the year

Born from the desire to support young researchers from the Czech Republic who endeavor to embed their research within the European and international networks, this initiative from the CEFRES Platform aims to award an article in social sciences and humanities published in a high-level peer-reviewed academic journal.

Since 2014, CEFRES Platform gathers the French Research Center in Social Sciences in Prague, the Czech Academy of Sciences and Charles University in Prague.

Young researchers from all disciplines in social sciences and humanities from the Czech Republic may apply to the CEFRES Platform special award, whatever the topic of their research may be. **Applications may be sent directly by young researchers themselves to the following address:**

platformaward@cefres.cz

Eligibility Criteria

- to be a PhD student or to have defended one's PhD thesis at the earliest in 2012 in a university of the Czech Republic
- to submit to the award competition an article in English or in French published in a peer-reviewed academic journal recognized by such databases as Web of Science, Scopus, or by the European Reference Index for the Humanities and Social Sciences (ERIH PLUS)
- to have published the aforementioned article between 2017 et 2020 (articles accepted for publication shall be excluded, since the award is to be renewed yearly)
- to submit one article only: applications including two or more articles will be excluded from the competition

It is possible to submit a paper written by more than one person, provided that each co-author meets the eligibility requirements.

Should a co-written article be declared winner, the prize will be awarded to the candidate who submitted the application, to be distributed among the co-authors.

An interdisciplinary jury presided over by the director of CEFRES and representatives from the CEFRES Platform will select the laureate.