

Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association

Selection Procedure for nominating participants in the 5th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences (Lindau Meeting of the Laureates of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel) on 19 - 23 August 2014

The Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association is the national co-operation partner of the Lindau meetings Council and Foundation. It is responsible for the preliminary evaluation and submission of a short-list of potential participants to the review panel of the Nobel Laureate Meetings. The Council workgroup then makes its final selection from this pool of Best Talents, examining the proposed profiles for every Meeting before finally choosing the top applicants to receive an invitation to Lindau.

The Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association Selection Procedure:

Applications will be considered by the Selection Committee appointed by the Board of the Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association (called further the Selection Committee) and up to 2 short-listed nominations will be recommended to the Council for Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. The final decision regarding attendance at the 5th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on Economic Sciences will be made by the Council for Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

Eligibility

The Applicants should meet all the following requirements:

- As of the date of application to be a doctoral student or postdoctoral scientist in economics (having obtained a doctoral degree within five years as of September of each call year) of a university or research institute in Bulgaria or young and highly qualified economists from central bank/financial institutions.
- Have permanent residency in Bulgaria.
- Have not participated in the past Lindau meetings.
- Be 30 years old or younger when the meeting is held.
- Be fluent in English.

Application:

The eligible candidates submit to the Selection Committee the following **documentation in English**:

- Curriculum vitae
- Publications list
- Letter of motivation (maximum one page)
In the Letter of Motivation the applicant should indicate:
 - Why is he/she interested in applying for participation;
 - Skills, professional experience, etc.;
 - Range of research interests;
 - Research agenda
- A letter of recommendation from his/her academic advisor or internationally renowned scientist, including the specialist scientific expertise of the referee;
- Certificate of fluency in English
- One recent research work which qualify as scientific and should not exceed **30 pages** in length. Preferably, it should be in the form of a working paper or a scientific article or be the result of a master's or doctoral thesis. The submitted work shall be typewritten in English. All manuscripts should be submitted in PDF format. The 30-pages limit includes reference lists, figures, and tables. The manuscript should include a title page with the author's name, contact information and an abstract of 100 or fewer words.
Page format: format A4. Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt, Regular.
Alignment: Justified. Line spacing: 1.5 lines. Margins: Top, Bottom, Left – 2 cm on each side; Right – 3.5 cm. Pagination: lower right-hand corner of the page. Graphics and tables: presented in the appropriate place in the text, with clearly stated units of measure and the source of information used in their preparation. Bibliography: to be quoted fully and correctly, and at the right place in the text. In addition a bibliography list of the sources should be applied.

If the work submitted has already won an award or if it has been submitted for other awards, this circumstance shall be mentioned in the application. Moreover, the applicant shall notify whether and when parts of the work or the entire work have been published. Submissions shall be treated confidentially. New ideas addressing key economic issues at the European and global scale are welcome. Both theoretical and empirical papers will be considered without any restriction of topics.

- **Additional documentation (in Bulgarian):**

- For doctoral students: a) an order issued by the university/research institute administration certifying that you have been admitted as a doctoral student in economics; b) a document issued by the administration of the university/research institute indicating to date your grades on exams taken in the course of the PhD study; c) graduation diploma for your master's degree with your grades.
- For postdoctoral scientists in economics: PhD diploma.
- For young economists from central banks/financial institutions: a) graduation diploma for master's/bachelor's degree with your grades; b) a document issued by your employer that you are working in central bank/financial institutions.
- Signed Declaration (appendix 2)

The personal data and documents voluntarily provided by the applicant are protected in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law. They are collected, processed and kept to serve BMA needs in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law. The BMA is a personal data administrator entered in the Personal Data Administrators Register. Third parties may have access to the applicants' personal data only according to the procedure and under the conditions of the law.

Deadline for application:

The Selection Committee should receive all required documentation **not later than 4th of December 2013**. The documentation should be sent by email to Teodora Kavroshilova (secretary of the BMA) at the email address bma@bma-bg.org

The Selection Procedure:

The first stage of the selection procedure is based on the submitted applicant's documentation (except the research work). The Selection Committee will consider whether an applicant answers the Lindau Selection criteria (see Appendix).

The second stage of the selection procedure involves an evaluation of the submitted research work, presentation skills and fluency in English of the applicants.

- a) In case the number of the applicants approved at the first stage is around ten or less they will be invited to publicly present their submitted research work at a seminar organised by the Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association in the first half of December 2013.

- b) In case the number of the applicants approved at the first stage is considerably higher than ten their research work will be submitted to reviewers for assessment. The reviewers shall be selected by the Selection Committee and the list shall be published after the selection procedure has been completed. The list of reviewers will comprise renowned economists from different universities and research institutions in Bulgaria as well as from the members of the Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association. The review process shall, above all, assess the quality and originality of the research work. The research work shall be reviewed by two qualified reviewers selected by the Selection Committee from the list of reviewers. The anonymity of the applicant in the review process shall be guaranteed by the Selection Committee. The reviewers shall present their evaluation to the Selection Committee not later than 9th of December 2013.

Main criteria for research work rating:

1. Grasp of the subject. The author should show knowledge of the scientific literature in the area chosen, understand his/her subject and use properly the specific terminology, apply a balanced approach in the presentation of his/her thesis.
2. Structure. The research work should be coherent and consistent in its presentation.
3. Culture of verbal expression and writing. The author should comply with the grammar, punctuation and spelling rules of the English language.
4. Conclusions. The conclusions made in the research work should be consistent with the exposition and come as natural inference from it.

The 10 research works with highest rate given by the reviewers shall be publicly presented at a seminar organised by the Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association in the first half of December 2013.

At the third stage of the selection procedure, based on the evaluation of reviewers and the public presentation of the research works, the Selection Committee will select up to two candidates. Decisions are based upon the assessed competitiveness of the application. The Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association and the Selection Committee are not able to enter into discussion or correspondence regarding the reasons why an application is successful or not.

The Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association recommends the two candidates to the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings (the Council). After recommendation by Bulgarian Macroeconomic Association, the candidates

submit their application forms to the Council via Internet. Final participants are selected by the review panel of the Council.

Financial Conditions:

The organizers will bear the costs of the finally selected participants for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting on 19 - 23 August 2014.

Reporting Requirements:

Successful applicants will be required to submit a short report and provide evidence demonstrating that the funds have been appropriately expended within one month of the completion of the Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting on 19 - 23 August 2014.

The Selection Committee comprises:

Georgy Ganev, PhD – Chairman of the BMA Board

Mariella Nenova, PhD, Ass. Professor in Economics – member of the BMA Board

Rumen Avramov, PhD, Centre for Advanced Study Sofia

Stefan Pertanov, PhD, Professor in Economics, Sofia University

Mitko Dimitrov, PhD, Professor in Economics, Director of the Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Science

Appendix 1: Selection Criteria of the Lindau meetings Council
(http://www.lindau-nobel.org/2014_Lindau_Meeting_Economics.AxCMS)

The participants will be recruited worldwide among

- (a) most promising students in economic sciences and
- (b) young and highly qualified economists from central banks/financial institutions.

The Review Panel of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings selects academic candidates for participation based on the following criteria:

- A student (graduate or post-doc) candidate should be under 30 years of age, belong to the top of his/her class, and have strong recommendations from his/her academic advisor.
- A candidate should have a promising research agenda. Post-docs should have produced outstanding research papers on relevant subjects.
- A candidate should show a pronounced interest in the international dialogue within the academic community.
- A candidate should demonstrate fluency in the English language.
- Finally, the candidate should be motivated and willing to prepare himself/herself solidly for the Lindau dialogue. It is most welcomed to have a good balance between the following three groups:

(1) Graduate students shall

- have excellent academic records
- have at least initial research experience
- have at least initial tutoring and/or teaching experience

(2) Postdoctoral scientists shall

- have up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience
- have published in widely recognized academic journals
- have presented their research at international conferences
 - have acquired solid experience in tutoring and/or teaching

Appendix 2

ДЕКЛАРАЦИЯ

Долуподписаният/та

Като кандидат в процедурата на БМА за номинации за Петата среща с Нобелови лауреати по икономика в Линдау декларирам, че към днешна дата:

1. Не съм роднина по права линия, съпруг, роднина по съребрена линия до четвърта степен или роднина по сватовство до втора степен с членове на Комисията за подбор на БМА или с членове на Управителния съвет на БМА.
2. Предоставям доброволно личните си данни и давам съгласие за тяхното събиране, обработване и съхраняване при условията на Закона за защита на личните данни.

Дата:

Подпис: