

VINFUTURE TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE CALL FOR 2022 NOMINATIONS

NOMINATE NOW: <https://online.vinfutureprize.org/nomination>

VinFuture Foundation is now calling for nominations for the 2022 VinFuture Grand Prize and three Special Prizes. The nomination portal will be open on February 16th, 2022 until May 17th, 2022.

The VinFuture Prize is set up to honor breakthrough scientific research and technological innovations that create meaningful change in the everyday lives of millions of people. The Prize aims to recognize exceptional inventors and researchers from global academic universities, research labs, and industry.

The VinFuture Prize comprises:

- ❖ A Grand Prize of US\$ 3 million, awarded annually for breakthrough research and technological innovations that positively improve the quality of human life, and create a more equitable and sustainable world for future generations. The Grand Prize would be open to all, regardless of the candidate's nationality, age, gender, social status, or economic background.
- ❖ And three additional Special Prizes of US\$ 500,000 each with a focus on promoting diversity, equity, and new fields of study will also be awarded annually to:
 - Innovators from Developing Countries;
 - Female Innovators; and
 - Innovators with Outstanding Achievements in Emerging Fields.

ELIGIBLE FIELDS FOR NOMINATIONS

VinFuture Prizes will recognize breakthroughs across all fields of science, technology and engineering that have already delivered impact or show the potential to deliver impact for real-world problems that align with at least one of the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

KEY CRITERIA

- There should be clear evidence, or potential, for an end-product or service based on the solution, which has an everyday practical application;
- Solutions should have already benefited millions of people in the past 10 years for the Grand Prize, or have the potential to benefit millions of people in the next 10 years for the Special Prizes;
- Solutions should be aligned with one or more of the United Nation's SDGs;
- Solutions must be scientifically proven (i.e., there should be clear evidence of passing relevant scientific trials, and in the case of research, it must be empirically proven or widely reviewed);
- Open to researchers or inventors who were involved in developing the underlying solutions, and not entrepreneurs or corporates who helped in commercialization/diffusion of the technology;
- End-products of the research should benefit people globally, including those from developing and less developed countries, as well as lower-income and disadvantaged communities;
- Open to individuals or teams of researchers/inventors;
- Preferences are considered for nominees in the active stages of their careers;
- A nominator can only nominate one nominee/one group of nominees for each of the four prize categories.
- Research/Solution/Invention can be underpinned in any discipline of science, engineering, or technology, including potentially multi-disciplinary approaches.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL PRIZES

- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Innovators from Developing Countries:** Awarded only to researchers or innovators working in a developing country organization. In case of a nomination involving a team, then all the team members should be working in developing countries. The center of gravity of their work should be in developing countries. The list of developing countries is available [here](#).
- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Female Innovators:** Awarded only to female researchers or innovators, with no restriction on nationality, age, social status, or economic background of the nominees.
- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Innovators with Outstanding Achievements in Emerging Fields:** Emerging field is defined as any field that is non-traditional and its researchers may come from different disciplines.

NOMINATORS

The VinFuture Prize will partner with prestigious academic institutions and organizations around the globe to identify the most outstanding nominations that create meaningful change in the everyday lives of millions of people.

No self-nominations are accepted.

Only nomination submitted in English is accepted.

Both organizational/institutional nominators and individual nominators can submit their nominations for the VinFuture Prizes via the Online Nomination Form.

VinFuture Prize welcomes nominations from reputable organizations such as universities, research institutes/centers, academies of science and technology, scientific associations/networks, corporations and industries, innovation incubators and from prominent individuals in the related areas.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The deadline for 2022 nomination submission is **11:59 PM, May 17th, 2022 (Vietnam Time GMT +7)**. Only online nominations submitted through this system before the deadline will be considered for this year. Nominations submitted after the deadline will be considered for next year.

Please find more information regarding:

- Detailed instructions of the nomination process and form: <https://online.vinfutureprize.org/nomination/s/welcome>
- Frequently asked questions: <https://vinfutureprize.org/faqs/>

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