



KREFTFORENINGEN

Guidelines for nomination and selection of candidates to receive an award from King Olav V Cancer Research Fund

Article 1 Introduction

The King Olav V Cancer Research Fund was established on April 29, 1992, in memory of King Olav V. The fund awards a prize to a cancer researcher, or a group of researchers, who have contributed to furthering the quality and scope of cancer research in Norway. A group of researchers is defined by several researchers working together on joint research project(s). Each of the researchers in the group must individually have a research production of importance. If a group is suggested, the group members must be identified by name.

These guidelines are established under the provision of the statutes Article 4, sections 4 and 5.

Article 2 Appointment of the evaluation committee

A committee shall give the board a justified proposal of at least three candidates. This committee must be composed of at least three members. To ensure the committee's impartiality, the members should be international researchers without strong ties to Norwegian cancer research environments. The Norwegian Cancer Society appoints members for a period of two years. Combined the committee should hold a broad scientific background and include members from for example basic, translational, clinical, epidemiological, health services and/or prevention sciences. Both genders should be represented.

When selecting the evaluation committee, a chair of the committee shall be appointed. The chair is responsible for making a recommendation based on the members' input to the selection process.

Article 3 Process of nomination and selection of candidate

The Norwegian Cancer Society acts as secretariat for the committee.

The Norwegian Cancer Society prepares an invitation to nominate candidates to receive the prize. The nominator shall write a justified proposal for the candidate according to the criteria given in Article 4. An overview of previous recipients of the prize shall be attached to the invitation. The same person can receive the prize only once.

Invitation to nominate candidates should be distributed widely to Norwegian cancer research environments including, but not limited to, the dean of any medical and natural science faculty, rector at the universities and university colleges, directors of the regional health authorities, directors of the university hospitals, director of the Norwegian Cancer Registry, Institute of National Health, The Research Council of Norway, the Norwegian medical association, and Norwegian nurses organisation.

After the nomination deadline, the committee prepares a selection of at least three candidates, and presents it to the board. This selection should be justified and prioritized. An overview of all other nominated candidates shall be attached.

It is recommended that the committee meet physically to make the final nomination. There should be *one* recipient of the award each year. The board makes the final award decision.

Article 4 Criteria for awarding the prize

As stated in the Fund's statutes (Article 2), the prize amount shall be used for further research or further qualification in research. The aim is to promote the quality and scope of Norwegian cancer

research. This means that the candidates must be assessed both based on potential for further research and achieved results in research.

This means that the following criteria should be used when assessing the candidates for the prize:

- To what extent cancer patients have had or will benefit from the research that has been carried out
- Whether the candidate is still active – and is expected to be active in the years to come in his/her environment with publishing and dissemination of research results to the general public
- Whether the researcher/research group has achieved international recognition for their research
- Whether the candidate(s) over time has contributed to building and strengthening the Norwegian research environment through his/her scientific commitment

Traditions within the field of research for which the candidate(s) is nominated, must be considered when evaluating publications. Various research disciplines have different publication frequencies, and this should be taken into consideration when evaluating publications by researchers from different research disciplines. When evaluating a group of researchers, it is expected that the total research output has a larger volume than for individual researchers.

Article 5 Impartiality

A member of the committee or board must not participate in evaluating or deciding which candidate should receive the prize if this may affect him- or herself directly, or his/her relatives, and the person concerned may have pronounced personal or economic interests in the particular case.

Revision history

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Changes

The appointment of the evaluation committee will be done by the Norwegian Cancer Society rather than the board of the fund2 (paragraph 2).

The order of the evaluation criteria in paragraph 4 is changed.