

# **Terms and Conditions of the “Young Energy Storage Scientist AWARD 2022” (Young researcher 2022 award in the field of energy storage) held by the French National Center for Scientific Research on behalf of the French network on electrochemical energy storage**

## **Article 1 – Purpose**

The present terms and conditions (hereinafter "the Terms and Conditions") set out the rules for the "Young Energy Storage Scientist AWARD 2022" (hereinafter "YESS AWARD 2022") ("Young researcher 2022 award in the field of energy storage") organized by the National Center for Scientific Research (hereinafter "CNRS") on behalf of the French network on electrochemical energy storage (hereinafter "RS2E").

This contest is focused on excellent research projects both innovative and contributing significantly to:

- (i) the field of electrochemical energy storage, or
- (ii) the coupled fields of electrochemical energy storage and conversion, or
- (iii) the associated characterization techniques.

The contest award will reward two (2) laureates with ten thousand (10,000) euros for the winner of the first prize and two thousand five hundred (2,500) euros for the winner of the second prize, the two laureates of the contest being selected by a jury under the Terms and Conditions.

## **Article 2 – Eligibility conditions and contact**

The eligibility requirements are cumulative:

- (i) Only individual candidates aged on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 of thirty-five (35) years old at most are entitled to compete;
- (ii) Candidates are entitled to submit only one application;
- (iii) On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, candidates must have obtained their PhD's degree for less than five (5) years in a subject finding an application in the fields mentioned in Article 1;

Any question regarding the conditions and details of the contest must be addressed to the following email [alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com](mailto:alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com).

## **Article 3 – Application form**

The application form can be downloaded on the RS2E's website: [www.energie-rs2e.com](http://www.energie-rs2e.com).

To be valid, an application must include, using an electronic format:

- (i) the application form duly completed in English or French and signed, and:

(ii) the supporting documents required in the application form.

A letter of recommendation (not mandatory) may also be signed and sent by the candidate's referent (or its assistant office) within the delay set out in Article 4.1, at [alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com](mailto:alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com).

The completed application form shall be submitted within the delay set out in Article 4.1, at the following electronic address: [alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com](mailto:alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com).

#### **Article 4 - Course of the contest**

CNRS reserves the right to extend or change the dates of the various phases of the competition at any given time.

The contest is organized in three distinct phases.

##### **4.1 Call for applications**

Applications forms are submitted from April 15, 2022 to August 31, 2022 included.

##### **4.2 Deliberation**

The jury, defined in article 5, reviews the application forms and deliberates under the conditions set out in the present Terms and Conditions.

##### **4.3 Notification of the laureates and award ceremony**

The notification of the the first and second laureates will be done by email to the address mentioned in their application form. The public announcement of the result of the deliberations will be carried out on the RS2E's website [www.energie-rs2e.com](http://www.energie-rs2e.com).

The first prize will be officially handed over by the Director of the Institute of Chemistry of CNRS (or his representative) and a representative of RS2E between October 18 - October 21, 2022 during the "Batteries 2022" congress in Lyon. An access badge to the "Batteries 2022" congress will be provided to the laureate by the organizing committee. The travel and accommodation expenses will be refunded to him by CNRS upon presentation of receipts and according to the CNRS' refunding policy.

The presentation of the first prize to the laureate is subjected to the mandatory attendance of the latter to the award ceremony detailed in the present article. In case of *force majeure* an alternative could be proposed by the president of the jury.

The second prize will be awarded through a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt at the address indicated by the candidate in its application form.

#### **Article 5 – Jury**

Applications are reviewed by a jury of 6 members consisting of:

- the Director of RS2E;
- a representative of RS2E's Fundamental Research Center;
- a representative of RS2E's Technical Research and Integration Center;
- a representative of RS2E's Industrial Partners;
- a representative of the CNRS' Institute of Chemistry; and
- an international scientific expert specialized in one of the subjects finding an application in the fields mentioned in article 1.

In case of unavailability or absence of one or more members of the jury, CNRS reserves the right to modify its composition or to invite a new member.

The Director of RS2E who is appointed Chairman of the jury, organizes the debates. The selection of the laureates is solely made using the application form through a vote of the members of the jury.

Each member of the jury has one vote. In case of a tie, the Chairman of the jury's vote is decisive.

The jury's deliberations are secret and irrevocable.

#### **Article 6 - Selection criteria of the laureates**

The selection criteria of the laureates are based on:

- i) the innovative nature of the proposed project, whatever the project has already been initiated or not,
- ii) the relevance of the proposed methodology to come to its implementation; and
- iii) the candidate's resume.

#### **Article 7 - Exclusion conditions**

The jury will exclude any application that does not meet the eligibility criteria set out in article 2. In addition, any incomplete application forms or application forms submitted after the closing date of the call for applications set out in article 4.1 will be rejected.

#### **Article 8 – Award**

The award handed off in its entirety to the first laureate amounts to ten thousand (10,000) euros.

The award handed off in its entirety to the second laureate amounts to two thousand five hundred (2,500) euros.

The use of the award by the laureates is not subject to any condition.

The award ceremony will take place in the conditions mentioned in article 4.3.

### **Article 9 – Statement of candidates**

By submitting the application form, candidates confirm that they took notice of the Terms and Conditions and accept all of its conditions.

### **Article 10 - Intellectual property, rights of use**

#### **10.1 Confidentiality, intellectual property rights and rights of use**

The candidates declare that:

- i) they have obtained and developed the research project detailed in the application form; and that
- ii) they are entitled to publish said research project in the sense of intellectual property rights.

The application forms submitted by the candidates remain the property of the latter. The members of the jury and the people having access to the submitted forms commit not to claim any intellectual property rights on the information transmitted by any candidate and included in the application form.

The members of the jury and people having access to the application forms commit to treat as confidential the information contained in the submitted forms and are not entitled to disclose them without the prior written consent of the latter except in the purposes of publication and announcement of the laureates set out in article 10.2.

To this end, candidates shall ensure that their application does not infringe prior confidentiality agreements they could be bound to and guarantee the sincerity of the information presented in their project.

#### **10.2 Publicity of the contest and results**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, candidates grant CNRS a non-exclusive license to use the non-confidential information submitted only for publication and advertisements purposes of the contest: title of the project, summary of the project, name(s) and affiliation(s) of the laureates.

The laureate of the first prize authorizes CNRS to take pictures during the award ceremony.

The laureates grant CNRS without limitation and on a royalty-free basis the right to use, including the right to store, copy and distribute printed or digital format photographs related to publications or announcement of the contest in media publications, online advertisements or in any other formats that CNRS will choose.

This includes in particular the right to sublicense such rights to advertising agencies for the publication and announcement of the contest.

Candidates agree to the publication of the contest's results including in particular the publication in the proceedings of the "Batteries 2022" congress.

### **Article 11 – Information technology and civil liberties**

Personal data provided by the candidates will be processed in order to be made available to the French network on electrochemical energy storage (RS2E), FR3459 and to the CNRS Data Protection Officer (“Délégué à la protection des données”), [dpd.demandes@cnrs.fr](mailto:dpd.demandes@cnrs.fr).

Personal data are collected and processed to select the laureates of the contest and to keep the candidates informed.

The legal basis for the processing is for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party.

No data transfers outside the European Union are carried out.

The personal data will be kept for a period of three (3) years. Once the period is expired, the personal data will be saved and archived according to the current applicable laws.

The candidates have the following rights for the use of their personal data:

- The right of opposition: you may at any time object to the processing of your data and have the right to withdraw your consent
- The right of access and to rectification of your data
- The right to erasure
- The right to restricted use when your data are no longer necessary or useful
- The right to portability: communicate your data to the person of your choice.

The candidates can exercise these rights by sending notification at [alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com](mailto:alexia.pigeault@energie-rs2e.com) or by post to Service Communication, RS2E-LRCS, 15 rue Baudelocque, 80039 Amiens Cedex 1. Candidates can also contact the Data Protection Officer at the following address DPD – 2 rue Jean Zay – 54519 – Vandoeuvre lès Nancy Cedex - [dpd.demandes@cnrs.fr](mailto:dpd.demandes@cnrs.fr).

If candidates believe that their rights in the field of Information Technology and Liberties are still not respected, they have the possibility to file a complaint with the CNIL online or by post.

### **Article 12 – Language**

The Terms and Conditions are drafted in two languages: French and English. In case of misinterpretation arising out from these two versions, the French version shall prevail.

### **Article 13 – Law and Jurisdiction**

The Terms and Conditions are governed by French law. In case of difficulties in the interpretation of the Terms and Conditions, the French competent courts shall have sole jurisdiction.

Done in Paris on April 8th, 2022

**For CNRS**

Jacques Maddaluno

Director of CNRS' Institute of Chemistry