



THE FRENCH INSTITUTE NORDIC AWARD

CALL FOR APPLICATION BEFORE 9 MARCH 2020

The five French Institutes in the Nordic region (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland) have decided to launch in 2020 a dedicated award: the «French Institutes Nordic Award» (FINA). This award is aimed at promoting cultural and scientific cooperation between France and the Nordic countries and to reward remarkable achievements in that field. In line with our shared commitment to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the focus of the first FINA edition in 2020 will be on **youth and green innovation**.

One doctoral fellow or PhD holder will be selected and will be sent to Marseille to attend the IUCN Congress.

Eligible to apply for the prize are doctoral fellows or PhD holders, under 35, working in a Swedish research institution during the academic year of 2019-2020 and working in close cooperation with a French research institution or planning to do so. The purpose of the prize is to reward scientific excellence, and, at the same time, to encourage and promote scientific co-operation between France and Sweden. Candidates should have good command of the French language.

In 2020, France will host the World Conservation Congress in Marseille **One nature, one future** (11-19 June 2020). The 2020 IUCN Congress will cover seven themes: four related to major dimensions of nature (landscapes, water, oceans and climate change), and three cross-cutting issues (governance and rights, finance and economics, and knowledge and innovation). To compete for FINA, each application will have to relate to green innovation within at least one of the 7 themes of the Congress. ([Click here for more information.](#))

A winning application should meet all, or most of the following characteristics:

- It presents ideas or solutions in the field of green innovation related to biodiversity protection, proven or likely to be useful in solving problems or facilitating tasks related to at least one theme of the IUCN Congress
- It demonstrates an interdisciplinary understanding
- It reflects an ability to combine a theoretical and critical approach with a concrete and operational approach
- It has an innovative dimension
- It aims at strengthening the scientific cooperation between France and Sweden.

The amount of the prize will cover the travel, accommodation, meals as well as access to the IUCN Congress of the laureate (including - if relevant - possible extensions related to planned meetings with French local research institutions indicated in the application).

The application procedure will close on **9 March 2020**. The results will be announced on 3 April 2020 at the latest.

LINK TO THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3989RWE](https://bit.ly/3989rwe)

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The French Institute in Sweden and the Franco-Swedish Association for Research (AFSR) are partners in the «FINA 2020» award in Sweden. This FINA 2020 initiative is strongly linked to the French and Swedish strategic partnership for innovation and green solutions signed by French President Emmanuel Macron and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven in November 2017 and updated in June 2019.