



مُنظمة العالم الإسلامي للتربية والعلوم والثقافة  
ISLAMIC WORLD EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION DU MONDE ISLAMIQUE POUR L'ÉDUCATION, LES SCIENCES ET LA CULTURE



**ICESCO PRIZE  
FOR FIGHTING NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS**

## RATIONALE

In the face of the global health crisis that is now ravaging humanity, the world is in dire need of more medical and scientific research to find effective and sustainable solutions to today's challenges. In response to World Health Organization's appeal to the international community to

«seize every opportunity to curb, contain, combat and delay the spread of the virus, and mitigate its impact», the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) launches its Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for ICESCO Prize for Fighting Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19).

## THE PRIZE AWARD

The amount of the Prize is **US\$200,000** including an Award Medal.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee of the Prize shall comprise:

Chair: ICESCO Director General

Two representatives  
from specialized international  
organizations

Four scientists to be selected from  
leading universities and renowned  
research centers

### Seat of the Selection Committee Secretariat

ICESCO,  
Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

To submit a nomination for the Prize, the independent researcher, group of researchers or research institution declaring the discovery of an effective cure or a vaccine against the novel Coronavirus has to send a complete file to the Secretariat of the Committee, including:

- The Award Nomination Form attached to this Call, available on ICESCO's website [www.icesco.org](http://www.icesco.org);
- A detailed report on the discovery;
- CV of the independent researcher or group of researchers. In case of a research institution, the CV of the lead scientific expert;
- Patent registration with a legal body accredited by official competent authorities;
- All supporting technical documents to support the claim of the discovery (3 recommendation letters to support nomination).

Nominations should be sent to: [award@icesco.org](mailto:award@icesco.org)

## NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

01

ICESCO will launch the official Call for Nominations by mid-April 2020, including the terms and conditions of the Prize Award, along with the Call for Nomination Form.

02

The independent researcher, group of researchers or research institution declaring the discovery of the effective cure or the vaccine against the novel Coronavirus should send a complete file to the Secretariat of the Committee with all supporting documentation.

03

The Selection Committee will then convene to review the validity of the claim(s), and may seek additional opinion and guidance from national health authorities, the World Health Organization or any entity it deems necessary.

04

The Selection Committee, based on the aforementioned, will issue a decision to award the Prize to the independent researcher, group of researchers or research institution.

05

ICESCO Director General shall notify the decision of the Selection Committee to the winner.

## AWARD CEREMONY

The Award Ceremony will be held at ICESCO headquarters in the presence of the winner, the members of the Selection Committee and partner organizations. A number of scientists and researchers shall also be invited to the ceremony.



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