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### বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, UNESCO, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme হতে **MAB Young Scientist Awards** এর বিষয়ে আবেদন আহ্বান করা হয়েছে। আবেদন সম্পর্কে বিস্তারিত নিয়মাবলী ও আবেদন ফরম এসাথে সংযুক্ত করা হলো। এছাড়া, নিম্নবর্ণিত লিংক থেকেও আবেদনের তথ্য ও ফরম সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। নিয়মাবলী অনুসরণ করে এবং সঠিকভাবে পূরণকৃত আবেদন আগামী ১৩/০৫/২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নবর্ণিত ই-মেইলে প্রেরণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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To all Permanent Delegates  
and Observers to UNESCO  
National Commissions for  
UNESCO

Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences  
Man and the Biosphere Programme

27 March 2025

Ref: SC/EES/ESP/25/2208

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased herewith to invite the submission of applications for the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Young Scientist Awards (YSA) 2025, which recognizes young researchers carrying out interdisciplinary research in line with UNESCO's MAB Programme.

The criteria and conditions for selecting award winners is enclosed for information. Please note that, since the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the MAB Council: *"applicants are strongly encouraged to take into account the priorities of the Lima Action Plan, and to identify in their applications how their research contributes to the research-related actions of the Lima Action Plan and to the Sustainable Development Goals"*.

I am also pleased to recall since 2023, UNESCO and the Principality of Monaco reached an agreement to award five (5) additional prizes to studies focusing on marine, island and coastal issues in biosphere reserves for MAB YSA winners in 2023, thereby reinforcing the contribution of the MAB Programme towards the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

The Principality of Monaco has generously agreed to continue its support, and therefore, five (5) additional prizes will also be supported in 2025. These additional prizes are known as "MAB Young Scientists Awards-Prince Albert I of Monaco." We encourage the submission of research proposals in this area.

Candidates are invited to send their applications using the enclosed form **before 15 May 2025** to [mab@unesco.org](mailto:mab@unesco.org). All applications must be endorsed and signed by the respective MAB National Committee before submitting them to the MAB Secretariat. In countries where MAB National Committees do not exist or are not fully operational, the selection on the national level will continue to be ensured by the National Commission for UNESCO of the country in question.

In order to facilitate the Bureau of MAB Programme's task of selecting the awards, the MAB National Committees are invited to endorse only candidates who meet the criteria and pay attention to gender balance. Further information on the award may be found here: <https://en.unesco.org/mab/awards#young-scientists>.

I would like to thank you for your continuous support of the MAB Programme and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Antonio De Sousa Abreu  
Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences  
Secretary, Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme

Encl. Application Form – MAB Young Scientist Awards 2025  
Information on criteria and conditions – MAB Young Scientist Awards



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APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2025  
MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS

Please fill in and sign your application and mail it to your MAB National Committee in your home country for endorsement before it is sent to: *MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France.* Applications must be received by UNESCO **no later than 15 May 2025 to be eligible.** **ONLY APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE ACCEPTED.**

1. LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. First name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Sex: Male ☐ / Female ☐

5. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Complete address:

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Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Educational qualifications:

Institution

Date

Degree/Diploma

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9. Previous research experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Country where research is to be undertaken (in case the study is planned in countries other than the applicants' home country, please attach written evidence to indicate the support of the MAB National Committee concerned):

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11. Title of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Summary description of the proposed research study. Highlight main purposes, methods and expected results of the research to be undertaken. If necessary, you may add up to two more pages (**no additional material**, e.g. certificates, articles, CV, etc. should be annexed to the application):



13. a) Indicate if and how the proposed study will relate/contribute to your country's MAB Programme and the UNESCO MAB Youth Network.

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b) Is the research site in a UNESCO designated biosphere reserve? Yes ☐ / No ☐

If so, in which biosphere reserve? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Indicate if and how the proposed study will relate or contribute to the implementation of the Lima Action Plan (LAP) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

a) Identify action(s) of the LAP addressed specifically by the research.

b) List SDGs and target(s) towards which the research makes a direct contribution.

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15. Provide concise information on past and existing research in areas concerned to present linkages and avoid duplications and financing of projects already carried-out

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16. Expected starting date and duration of the study \_\_\_\_\_

17. Expected date for submission of final report to MAB National Committee, or UNESCO National Commission

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18. Name(s) of institution(s) associated with the study and support provided by the institution(s)

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19. Estimated cost of the proposed study and amount requested from UNESCO-MAB. (Individual research grants will be made available up to an amount of US \$5,000. Smaller requests have greater chances of approval. Please clearly indicate the total amount requested, and a breakdown of expenditures, in US \$.)

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(Date)

(Signature of Applicant)

APPLICATION ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT / SECRETARY OF MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE\*  
FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO

(DATE)

(SIGNATURE of President / Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

(NAME of President / Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

MAB National Committee address:

Tel.:

E-mail:

**NOTE TO MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEES\* AND APPLICANTS**

**Criteria for endorsement and selection of MAB Young Scientists Awards**

- To be eligible, award applications must be made on the MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French) and follow-up technical requirements stated there. The application must be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee\*, which may endorse **only two** applications per year from applicants who are **not older than 35 years of age** (at the closing date of the application).
- Applications must contain concise information of past and existing research in areas concerned in order to present linkages and avoid duplications and financing of projects already carried-out.
- Priority is given to interdisciplinary projects carried out in biosphere reserves designated under the Man and the Biosphere Programme or potential biosphere reserves, and which contribute to the implementation of the Lima Action Plan (LAP) for Biosphere Reserves and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this regard, applicants shall identify in their applications if and how their research contributes to the research-related actions of the LAP and to the SDGs.
- Applicants from developed countries are eligible for Awards only in exceptional cases or if working in joint partnership with developing countries.
- Awards are set at a maximum of US \$5,000 each.
- Research supported by an Award should be completed within 2 years.
- Candidates must accept to submit reports of Award funded research to the MAB Secretariat in Paris and to their MAB National Committees\*, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under these Awards.

**\*For the countries in which a MAB National Committee does not exist or is not fully operational, the National Commission for UNESCO will ensure the selection of candidates according to the above criteria.**

**Payment Procedure for MAB Awards**

Award payments are split into two instalments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of two signed copies of the Letter of Agreement accompanied by a calendar of activities for the research study.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a final report (duly signed by the MAB National Committee) as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the report in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCOMABnet.

**Application forms for MAB Young Scientists Awards are available from:**

MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences,  
UNESCO

7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France.

E-mail: [mab@unesco.org](mailto:mab@unesco.org)

MAB Young Scientists Awards on the Web: <https://www.unesco.org/en/man-and-biosphere/young-scientists>