

Press Communiqué

Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Young Scientists Awards - 2012

Applications are invited from qualified Young Scientists who wish to be considered for the Young MAB Scientists Awards being organized by UNESCO.

2. **The Objectives of the award are :**

- To encourage young scientists to use MAB research, project sites and biosphere reserves in their research.
- To encourage young scientists who already use such sites to undertake comparative studies in other sites in or outside their own country.
- To assist exchange of information and experience among a new generation of scientists.

3. **Criteria:**

- Applicants should not be older than 40 years (at the closing date of the application).
- Applications must be made on the MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French).
- Priority will be given to interdisciplinary projects carried out in biosphere reserves designated under the Man and the Biosphere Programme or potential biosphere reserves.
- Applicants should agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- The research should be completed within **two years**.

4. Research grants will be made available up to the amount of US \$ 5,000.

5. Candidates already in employment, whether public or private, must submit a letter from the employer confirming that the latter has agreed on the release of the applicant on the terms and conditions of the Award.

6. Travel expenditures are to be borne by the applicant.

7. The prescribed Application Form can be obtained from the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO or can be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/ecological-sciences/man-and-biosphere-programme/awards-and-prizes/>

8. Application Forms which are incomplete or which are not properly filled in will not be considered.

9. **Closing Date for Submission of Applications**

The deadline for the submission of applications to the Mauritius National Commission for UNESCO is **Friday 03 February 2012**.

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