

SSPH+ CALL FOR SELF-NOMINATIONS FOR THE FRONTIERS PLANET PRIZE 2024

SSPH+ is pleased to confirm its participation as National Nomination Body (NNB) in the 2nd edition of the [Frontiers Planet Prize](#), an international competition that aims to award scientists across the world contributing with their breakthrough research to help keep the earth system within the planetary boundaries.

What is the Frontiers Planet Prize?

The [Frontiers Planet Prize](#) recognizes and awards a National Champion for each participating country, and offers three prizes of CHF 1 million each to 3 International Champions, selected by an independent Jury of 100 from the pool of national nominations. The prize focuses on addressing any one of the [9 planetary boundaries](#), detailed by [Professor Johan Rockström](#) in the book and documentary, [Breaking Boundaries](#).

Who can apply?

SSPH+ acts as one of several NNBs for Switzerland and invites leading scientists affiliated with the SSPH+ network with the most promising research article (accepted for publication since 1.11.2021) to compete. The peer-reviewed publications that fulfill the [criteria](#) are eligible to apply. The prize awards only one author of the selected publication. **The candidate should be the leading scientist behind the publication, irrespective of the authorship position. The application is laid out as a “self-nomination”. You should have a solid scientific record and mid-term career arrangements amenable to leading your own research for the next few years.** PhD students should not apply.

If your qualifying manuscript is not yet accepted for publication but you expect acceptance prior to 31.10.2023 feel free to propose this manuscript. Please note that in this case, you must inform ereeves@ssphplus.ch as soon as this manuscript is accepted. Please look at the chosen [national champions of the 2023 prize](#) as a guidance in selecting your manuscript.

How to apply

Please complete the application template and send it to: ereeves@ssphplus.ch by Tuesday 26. September 2023 at the latest, together with a PDF of your research article.

Please note the specific rules applied by SSPH+:

- The applicant must be a scientifically active SSPH+ Faculty member or a scientist employed in the research teams of faculty members. Please explore the [list of faculty members](#).
- Applicants should not be retired before July 2024
- An SSPH+ faculty member or scientist employed in the research teams of faculty members can promote herself or himself as leading author with only one publication. However, the candidate may be a co-author of a publication chosen by another qualifying applicant.
- SSPH+ assumes that applicants have informed the co-authors of the selected paper about the self-nomination. This shall guarantee that the same publication gets not promoted by more than one scientist.
- At least half of the candidates promoted by SSPH+ will be women.

If the university of an SSPH+ applicant acts as NNB as well, feel free to submit the application to both NNBs independently, in line with the rules communicated by your local NNB.

SSPH+ will inform applicants whether the SSPH+ jury promoted the candidacy to the country's National Representative Body (NRB) or not. Decisions of the SSPH+ jury are final and scoring details will not be communicated.

What are the next steps?

All SSPH+ applicants will be evaluated by an SSPH+ selected international Jury who will select up to three candidates. SSPH+ will promote those candidates to the country's NRB on 1. November 2023. The NRB will select up to three candidates out of all nominees promoted by Swiss-based NNBs. The international Frontiers Planet Prize [Jury of 100](#), chaired by Professor Rockström, will evaluate all applications promoted by the NRBs, based on the importance and relevance of the published article. The Jury will vote for one National Champion from each participating country, and then vote for three International Champions to win the 2024 Frontiers Planet Prizes. The National Champions will be announced on Earth Day, 22 April 2024, and the International Champions (who will each win the CHF 1 million prize for their research) will be announced during the award ceremony taking place in June 2024 in Montreux, Switzerland.

Information

More information can be found on the [Frontiers Planet Prize website](#) and in the Frontiers Planet Prize brochure that is attached to the call. For questions, please contact the SSPH+ National Nominating Body Coordinator for the Frontiers Planet Prize, Dr. Emily Reeves at ereeves@ssphplus.ch