



## **nanoGateway H2020 Awards**

### **Regulation**

#### **Article 1**

##### **Scope**

1.1. Nanogateway is an initiative led by INL, the International Iberian Laboratory of Nanotechnology, under the reference 0300\_Nanogateway\_6\_P, co-funded by Interreg V-A Spain-Portugal Cooperation Programme (POCTEP), involving the POCTEP Regional Development Agencies, and with the objective of implementing a strategy and action plan to fully explore the nanotechnology potential and foster a new collaboration approach between the innovation value chain players.

1.2. The Nanogateway H2020 Awards are prizes to be awarded to the best 5 R&D Project Proposals related to nanotechnologies to be submitted under the EU framework for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020, in partnership with INL.

#### **Article 2**

##### **Promoting Entity**

2.1. The Promoting entity is the International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory (INL), with headquarters at Avenida Mestre José Veiga, 4715-330 Braga, Portugal.

#### **Article 3**

##### **Eligibility Criteria**

3.1. The Nanogateway H2020 Awards is open to participants (hereinafter, 'Proposers') that meet the following criteria:

- a) At least one of the partners of the proposal must be established in the POCTEP Area.
- b) The proposal must evolve nanotechnology based concepts.
- c) The proposal must be in partnership with INL.

3.2. Proposers of the Nanogateway H2020 Awards may apply more than one time, with different proposals, in separated applications.



## **Article 4 Selection Process**

4.1. The selection of the Nanogateway H2020 Awards will be made by a Jury comprising INL researchers and members of its Business & Strategic Relations Department.

4.2. The selection process of the Nanogateway H2020 Awards will be based on the proposal application and requested clarifications (if needed), according to the following criteria:

- a) Scientific excellence.
- a) Innovation potential and technical quality of the proposal.
- b) Economic or social impact of the proposal.
- c) Alignment with the RIS3 strategy of the region.
- d) Project fitting in an open call/topic.
- e) Maturity of the proposal.
- f) Consortium/partners.

## **Article 5 Application Deadline**

5.1. The application period will be continuously open but with multiple cut-off selection dates. The first cut-off will be at March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019, the second cut-off at May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, the third cut-off at July 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, and the last cut-off at September 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. There will be an evaluation session after each cut-off date and for each date the submitted proposals will be grouped, reviewed and ranked together. Evaluation results are made available 5 days after the cut-off.

## **Article 6 Application Procedure**

6.1. The participation in the Nanogateway H2020 Awards is free of charge and applications must be formalized through an online application of the proposal, to be presented in a proper form, available online, under the nanoGateway website.



6.2. The application process will consist of the correctly filled application form, along with any other documents that can demonstrate the excellence of the proposal and its potential impact in terms of scientific or technical excellence.

6.3. Proposers may be asked at a later stage for further documents or information.

6.4. Proposers are responsible, in all legal terms, for their originality and authorship.

## **Article 7 Evaluation**

7.1. The Jury will evaluate each of the applications against the seven award criteria and score them as follows:

Criteria	Maximum Points
Scientific Excellence	20
Innovation Potential and technical quality of the proposal	20
Economic impact and social impact of the proposal	10
Alignment with the RIS3 Regional Strategy	10
Project fitting in an open call/topic.	20
Maturity of the proposal.	10
Consortium/partners.	10
Total	100

7.2. The decision of the Jury will be based on a record signed by all its members.

7.3. The decision of the Jury cannot be appealed.

## **Article 8 Prize**

8.1. Proposals selected will be entitled to a prize consisting of consultancy services for specialized assistance on proposals' preparation, elaboration and submission under the EU framework for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020, valued in five thousand euros (€5,000.00) for each proposal, and to be executed until the termination of the nanoGateway Project.

8.2. The winners of the Prize shall sign a declaration of acceptance in accordance with the terms of this regulation.



8.3. The Jury reserves the right not to award the prize if it considers that the applications submitted do not meet the minimum criteria set out in this Regulation.

## **Article 9 Duty of Confidentiality**

9.1. All information, in whatever form or mode of communication, whether in tangible or intangible form, which is disclosed by the Promoting Entity and by the Proposers in connection with the execution and participation in Nanogateway H2020 Awards, and which has been explicitly marked as "confidential" at the time of disclosure shall be considered "confidential information" of the disclosing party. When such information is disclosed orally and has been identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and, has been confirmed and designated in writing within fifteen calendar days from oral disclosure at latest, as confidential information, shall be considered "confidential information" of the disclosing party.

9.2. During the duration of the Nanogateway Project, the Promoting Entity and its representatives and the Proposers undertake:

- a) Not to disclose confidential information otherwise than for the purpose for which it was disclosed.
- b) Not to disclose confidential information to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party.
- c) To ensure that internal distribution of confidential information by a recipient party shall take place on a strict need-to-know basis.

9.3. The above shall not apply for disclosure or use of confidential information if, and in so far the recipient party can show that:

- a) The confidential information becomes publicly available by means other than a breach of the recipient confidentiality obligation.
- b) The disclosing party subsequently informs the recipient that the confidential information is no longer confidential.
- c) The confidential information is communicated to the recipient without any obligation of confidence by a third party who is to the best knowledge of the recipients in lawful possession thereof and under no obligation of confidence to the disclosing party.
- d) The confidential information was already known to the recipient prior to disclosure has evidenced by written documentation.

## **Article 10 Other Provisions**



## 10.1. Publicity — Promoting the prize — Visibility of funding

### 10.1.1. Publicity by the Winner

The Winners must promote the prize and its results, by providing targeted information to multiple audiences (including the media and the public) in a strategic and effective manner.

- a) Unless the Promoting Entity requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any communication activity related to the action (including but not limited to, electronic form and via social media) must: (i) display the nanoGateway Project and Interreg POCTEP logos.
- b) For the purposes of their obligations, the Winner may use the aforementioned emblems without first obtaining approval from the Promoting Entity. This does not, however, give it the right to exclusive use. Moreover, the Winner may not appropriate the emblems, either by registration or by any other means.

### 10.2. Publicity by the Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project.

- a) The Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project may use, for its communication and publicising activities, information relating to nanoGateway H2020 Awards, documents notably summaries for publication and deliverables as well as any other material, such as pictures or audio-visual material that it receives from the Winner and the shortlisted candidates (including in electronic form).
- c) The Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project will publish the name of the shortlisted candidates and the Winner, their origin, the Prize and its nature and purpose – unless they have requested to waive such publication (because disclosure risks threatening their security and safety or harm their commercial interest).
- d) Photos and videos taken by the Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project either in preparation of the award ceremony or during the award ceremony are the sole property of the nanoGateway Project.

## 10.3. Processing of personal data

### 10.3.1. Processing of personal data by the Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project

Any personal data will be processed by the Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project beneficiaries under the applicable data protection rules and in accordance with the nanoGateway Privacy Statement. The shortlisted candidates and the Winner consent that the Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project publish the following information: (i) name, (ii) address or NUTS region; (iii) their activities in relation to the award of the prize; (iv) prize amount in whatever form and medium.

### 10.3.2. Processing of personal data by the Proposers



The Proposers must process personal data in compliance with applicable EU and national law on data protection (including authorisations or notification requirements, if any).

#### 10.4. Conflict of interests

10.4.1. The Proposers must take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective award of the Prize is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests').

10.4.2. The Proposers must inform the Promoting Entity without delay of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a conflict of interests and immediately take all the necessary steps to rectify this situation.

10.4.3. The Promoting Entity may verify that the measures taken are appropriate and may require additional measures to be taken by a specified deadline.

#### 10.5. Liability for damages

10.5.1. The Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project cannot be held liable for any damage caused to the Proposers or to third parties as a consequence of the Prize, including for gross negligence.

10.5.2. The Promoting Entity and the nanoGateway Project beneficiaries cannot be held liable for any damage caused by any of the Proposers in the context of the prize.

#### 10.6. Withdrawal of the Prize — Recovery of undue amounts

10.6.1. The Promoting Entity may withdraw the Prize and recover all payments made, if it finds out that: (a) false information or fraud or corruption was used to obtain it or (b) the Winner was not eligible or should have been excluded (c) the Winner is in serious breach of its obligations under this Regulation.

### **Article 11** **Contact**

11.1. Any doubts about the Nanogateway H2020 Awards, namely on the eligibility of proposals, the submission of applications, their assessment, or other, may be clarified through email to: [info@nanogateway.eu](mailto:info@nanogateway.eu)



## **Article 12 Amendments**

12.1. This Regulation may be subject to amendments at any time.

12.2. The Promoting Entity reserves the right to modify the composition of the Jury, if deemed necessary.