

# The EPS EMMY NOETHER DISTINCTION FOR WOMEN IN PHYSICS

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*The European Physical Society has established the EMMY NOETHER DISTINCTION FOR WOMEN IN PHYSICS to: bring noteworthy women physicists to the wider attention of the scientific community, policy makers and the general public; identify role models that will help to attract women to a career in physics.*

## Conditions

The EMMY NOETHER DISTINCTION FOR WOMEN IN PHYSICS was established in February 2013 to enhance the recognition of noteworthy women physicists with a strong connection to Europe through nationality or work. The scope includes personal achievements in areas such as research, education, outreach and industry.

1. The Distinction is open to research physicists, students, teachers or any woman carrying out work related to physics.
2. The Distinction shall normally be presented to only one person at a time.
3. Nominations for the Distinction may be made by any full EPS member at any time of the year.
4. The Distinction shall be presented initially on a twice-yearly basis.
5. The Distinction shall consist of a diploma, accompanied by an interview to be published in an EPS publication.
6. Individuals who are currently members of the Executive Committee, or who were members of the Executive Committee in the previous three years are not eligible.
7. Eligible nominations shall be reviewed by an ad hoc selection committee appointed by the chair of the EPS Equal Opportunities Committee.
8. The selection committee recommendation shall be submitted for endorsement by the EPS Executive Committee.
9. Unsuccessful nominations may be selected to be rolled over for the following selection committee.

## Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted to the EPS Secretariat at any time: [S.Loskill@eps.org](mailto:S.Loskill@eps.org).

To submit an eligible nomination, the nominator provides the following information:

- Nominator's name, institution, and email
- Nominee's name, institution, and email
- Nominee's CV
- 1-3 paragraphs about the nominee and why the nominee is worthy of the Award.

**Receipt of a nomination will simply be acknowledged and there will be no further communication with the nominator, whose identity will not be revealed.**



## Selection Process

1. The chair of the EPS Equal Opportunities Committee (EOC) shall recover the current nominations from the EPS Secretariat (normally in January and July).
2. The EOC chair shall select the eligible nominations and shall communicate any ineligibility to the relevant nominator.
3. The EOC chair shall nominate an ad hoc selection committee of three physicists not including a nominator of any of the selected nominations.
4. The EOC chair shall submit the set of nominations to this selection committee.
5. The selection committee shall evaluate each nominee, identifying a preferred nominee, any nominee to be rolled over for a subsequent selection and any nominee appropriate for rejection from the process.
6. The EOC chair shall iterate the vote if a majority is not achieved.
7. The EOC chair shall inform the Executive Committee of the result of the process, shall allow 1 week for an objection to be lodged, and shall resolve any objection together with the selection committee.
8. The EPS General Secretary shall inform the selected candidate, explain the distinction, and ask for the successful nominee's acceptance.
9. Once agreed, the EOC chair shall make an effort to identify an appropriate meeting at which a presentation of the diploma may be made by a member of the Executive Committee.
10. The EOC chair shall organise the interview, the diploma and an announcement for an EPS publication.

