



ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS 2013

KLAUS J.
JACOBS
AWARDS

RESEARCH PRIZE

ABOUT THE PRIZE

The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize awards outstanding scientific contributions of individuals from all disciplines aiming at the improvement of young people's development and perspectives worldwide.

The prize is endowed with 1 Mio. Swiss Francs, of which 900'000 Swiss Francs are for use in a research project and 100'000 Swiss Francs are for related costs, such as travel, networking, and dissemination.

The Jacobs Foundation invites leading institutions and experts in research on children and youth worldwide to nominate candidates. The prize will be awarded to a well-respected, outstanding researcher from a discipline dealing with or contributing to the development of children and youth. It addresses scholars from all countries who have achieved major breakthroughs in understanding child and youth development and at the same time have the potential to advance the field by actively conducting research. Self-nominations cannot be accepted.

A Prize Jury, consisting of internationally renowned scientists will choose the laureate from the pool of nominated candidates.

The Jacobs Foundation annually bestows the Research Prize in the first week of December.

The Research Prize has been awarded for the first time in 2009 to **Laurence Steinberg** (Temple University) for his work on the psychopathology, risk-taking and decision-making behavior of young people.

The Research Prize 2010 was awarded to **Terrie Moffitt** and **Avshalom Caspi** (Duke University and King's College London) for their research into the interplay between genetic disposition and environmental influences in the development of children and youth.

The Research Prize 2011 was awarded to **Michael Tomasello** (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology) for his research on the identification of uniquely human forms of collaboration, communication and cultural learning.

The Research Prize 2012 was awarded to **Dante Cicchetti** (University of Minnesota) for his research on the developmental consequences of child maltreatment and on resilience as a dynamic developmental process.

NOMINATION PROCESS

All documents pertaining to the nomination should be submitted to the offices of the Jacobs Foundation by **15 March 2013**.

Incomplete nominations or documents received after this date cannot be considered.

A complete nomination consists of the following documents:

- **Completed nomination form**
- **1–2 page appraisal of the academic accomplishments of the nominee, making clear what the nominee’s scientific breakthroughs have been, especially with child and youth development, why the nominee deserves the prize more than his or her talented peers, and how the nominee would bring further distinction to the Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize**
- **Full list of publications as included in nominee’s CV as well as evidence of his or her scientific leadership (such as direction of a research program, scientific committee, leadership role in a scientific society, and the like)**
- **Information regarding possible future academic plans, fields of interest, and aspirations of the nominee**

A bibliometric analysis of the research performance will be an integral part of the assessment process, thus the provision of a full list of publications is crucial for a nomination to be considered.

Nominations can be submitted by e-mail by 15 March 2013 at the latest to:
award@jacobsfoundation.org

An electronic version of the nomination form is available under
<http://research.jacobsfoundation.org>

JACOBS FOUNDATION

The Jacobs Foundation is one of the world's leading charitable foundations dedicated to facilitating innovations for children and youth. It was established in 1989 by Klaus J. Jacobs and his family in an effort to benefit future generations by providing young people with better opportunities for development, so that they can become productive and socially responsible members of society. The Jacobs Foundation's role is to serve as a source of ideas and a promoter of innovation in the field of child and youth development.

We support research and intervention of the highest quality leading to significant and vital outcomes for children and youth worldwide. We believe in the effectiveness of interlinking excellent research with practical intervention programs to better bridge the gap between existing challenges and aspired solutions. We promote public dialogue by connecting people from the fields of science, policy, society and economy, creating platforms for discussion and raising awareness for the needs and opportunities to improve the living conditions of next generations.

The Foundation applies a strength-based concept of child and youth development, seeing young people as positive resources. This concept emphasizes the possibility of successful development among all children and youth and promotes their potential for a healthy personal development. It focuses on competences and well-being of children and youth as well as on their contributions to their families, their broader communities and nations, to the quality of civic life, social cohesion, civil society, and peace. It embraces a broad range of approaches and disciplines, spanning from the psychological, cognitive, emotional, intellectual, social, vocational, academic, and economic to the physical development of young people.

The Research Prize explicitly addresses all scholarly disciplines contributing to a productive development of children and youth as described above. This includes, but is not limited to, psychology, education, economics, sociology, family studies, media studies, political sciences, linguistics, neurosciences, and medical sciences.

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