**The Research Award at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences**

**Statutes**

(Minor adjustments made by Director of Research 23.02.2017)

1. The NMBU Research Award rewards research of high quality undertaken by young researchers and stimulates continuous outstanding research at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU).
2. The award is intended for young researchers at NMBU who have carried out research of exceptionally high quality. The award emphasizes the researcher’s level of independence and ability to innovate, as well as the international significance of the research. Other aspects that will be considered are the researcher’s age, the research character, the candidate’s influence on her/his academic environment by creating a positive working climate and stimulating further research activity, as well as traditions within the discipline in question.
3. The award winner will as a rule have given a public defence within the past 8 years prior to the presentation of the award.
4. The award is currently NOK 100000 and shall be used for research or to obtain further research qualifications. The award is accompanied by a certificate summarizing the grounds for the award. The award is presented every other year, under the prerequisite that the nominated candidates are qualified.
5. The award is conferred by the University Board following the recommendation from a committee consisting of 5 persons appointed by the Rector. The committee is appointed for 3 years.

The committee will be comprised of:

* + 3 scientific employees with Professor competence (from different faculties)
	+ 1 scientific employee with temporary employment
	+ 1 external representative
	+ A secretary for the committee from the Department of Research, innovation and external cooperation.
1. Candidates can be proposed by NMBU employees and students. The proposal should include:
	* Summary and evaluation of a maximum of 5 of published works (2 pages) by the candidate. Emphasis will be given to the international importance of the research
	* The candidate’s CV and complete list of publications
	* Recommendation from the Dean
	* Popularized and easily accessible summary of the research work
	* The candidate’s influence on her/his academic environment by creating a positive working climate and stimulating further research activity
2. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2 May. The award is presented either at the annual NMBU conference or on another suitable occasion.