

Fund Fonds
Fonds Baillet Latour

2018 Antarctica Fellowship Information File

BAILLET LATOUR ANTARCTICA FELLOWSHIP

Bringing together the aims of the Baillet Latour Fund (BLF), the International Polar Foundation (IPF) and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), the Baillet Latour Antarctica Fellowship promotes science and scientific excellence in Antarctica. This award is open to young scientists from around the world and offers them a wonderful opportunity to contribute scientifically to the body of research in an area of Antarctica which has been little explored to date.

http://www.polarfoundation.org/projects/detail/baillet_latour_fellowship

BAILLET LATOUR FUND

The Baillet Latour Fund was set up as a result of the joint efforts of Comte de Baillet Latour and Artois Breweries in Belgium. In 1974, Comte Baillet Latour having no heirs donated his valuable Artois Brewery shares to this Fund which bears his name. An enlightened man, Comte Baillet Latour was particularly keen on setting up an instrument to encourage human excellence in all possible fields to make a lasting contribution for the greater social good.

“The association shall financially reward and encourage accomplishments of high human value in the social, cultural, scientific, artistic, technical, sporting, educational or philanthropic fields, in the form of prizes, scholarships, trips, grants, or any other form of recognition, and have no political, trade union, philosophical or religious affiliations.” Comte Baillet Latour

In support of scientific activity in Antarctica at the Princess Elisabeth Station, the Baillet Latour Fund feels that the spirit and letter of the wishes of the late Comte are being respected and that he would have fully approved of this philanthropic award.

www.fondsbailletlatour.com

INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION (IPF)

The International Polar Foundation (IPF) was established in 2002. It acts as an interface between science and society by encouraging scientific research, infrastructure support and awareness of the importance of the Polar Regions, including their contribution to the understanding of the global dynamics that drive climate change. Belgium is one of the original signatories of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty. In 2004, the Belgian Federal Government accepted IPF's proposal to design and construct a new Research Station in the Dronning Maud Land region of East Antarctica with funding from private sector partners. The Princess Elisabeth station allowed Belgium to once again take up its Treaty obligations of encouraging international collaborative research in Antarctica. As the operator and scientific support provider of Princess Elisabeth, IPF provides logistic support and assistance to Baillet Latour Antarctica Fellowship laureates conducting research at Princess Elisabeth Station.

www.polarfoundation.org / www.antarcticstation.org

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR)

“SCAR’s mission is to advance and promote scientific knowledge, understanding and education on any aspect of the Antarctic region, on the role of the Antarctic region in the Earth system and on the effect of global change on the Antarctic region. SCAR initiates, facilitates, co-ordinates and encourages international research activity in the Antarctic region, on the role of the Antarctic region in the Earth System, and on the effect of global change on the Antarctic region. SCAR provides objective and independent scientific advice to the Parties to the Antarctic Treaty and other organizations on issues of conservation affecting the management of the Antarctic region and the Southern Ocean.”

www.scar.org

AWARD DETAILS

1) BREAKDOWN

- €150,000 disbursed over a two-year period
- Awarded every two years to the principle investigator of the winning proposal
- Laureate's employer remains her/his active research organisation
- Award funds should cover all academic and research costs, living and travel expenses, including logistical expenses for two Antarctic field campaigns

N.B. No additional sums will be disbursed by Fonds Baillet Latour.

2) ELIGIBILITY & CALL DETAILS

Applicants:

- post-doctoral researchers or doctoral researchers within 10 years of obtaining PhD
- any nationality
- physical capacity to carry out the research being proposed (medical examinations are required for any field campaign)
- previously unsuccessful applicants
- not a previous winner of the Antarctica Fellowship

Proposed research project must:

- be in one of four fields: (1) atmospheric sciences (2) geology (3) glaciology (4) microbiology (excluding marine microbiology)
- be carried out at or in the vicinity of Princess Elisabeth Station
- concern original research for which no publication has already been submitted by the applicant
- demonstrate need for the research to be carried out in Antarctica
- demonstrate how the activity would be linked to SCAR priority themes (www.scar.org)

N.B. All above criteria must be met for the proposal to be considered.

General timeline:

October - December 2018	Preparations for 1 st Field Campaign
January - February 2019	1 st Field Campaign in Antarctica (poss. 6–8 wks)
April 2019	Interim Report to Fellowship Secretariat (season 1 report)
November 2019 - February 2020	2 nd Field Campaign in Antarctica (poss. 6–16 wks)
June 2020	Final Report to Fellowship Secretariat
October 2020	Laureate to present final report at Award ceremony

3) APPLICATIONS (ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED)

Launch: 1 March 2018
Deadline for Submission: 15 May 2018 (CET midnight)

How to Apply: www.polarfoundation.org/projects/detail/baillet_latour_fellowship

What to include in your Application:

i. Application File (including detailed CV as requested on last page of Application form)

Project proposals must contain a summary of the proposed research activity over a two year period and details concerning the scientific basis of the project.

ii. Financial Annex

This should detail costs and budget for your research and two field campaign, i.e., how the funding is to be used over the entire research period.

Please note:

- Award funds can be spent on equipment (for field use), field costs, field guides and travel to Antarctica, but are not generally expected to cover salary.
- Practicalities of project payments and reporting, as well as financial control will be fixed by a contract to be drawn up on a case by case basis with the successful candidate.
- Disbursements will be made according to the contract. The lead researcher of the successful project will be responsible for managing the project and reporting on progress.
- The researcher will be required to contribute to public outreach activities related to his project, the Fellowship, and the PEA science activities.
- Cargo and logistics costs will depend on the type of activity that is planned and can be discussed in detail at a later stage with the successful candidate.

Language: All submissions must be in English, submissions in other languages will not be considered.

Completed proposals must be submitted by e-mail to: fellowship@polarfoundation.org

4) MANAGEMENT

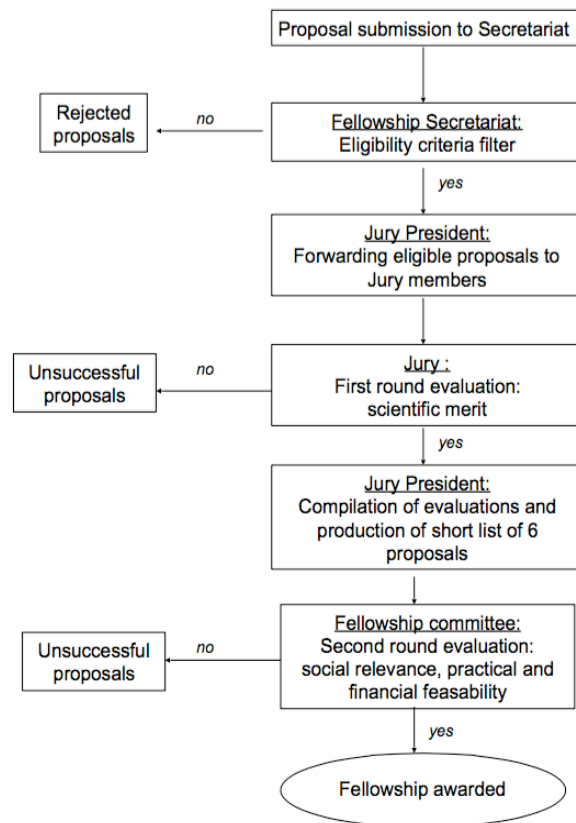
The Baillet Latour Antarctica Fellowship management structure includes:

- Antarctica Fellowship Secretariat:** organises and manages the Fellowship Award. All practical questions concerning the Fellowship and submission of proposals should be addressed to the Fellowship Secretariat.
- Jury President and Jury:** the Jury President, assisted by the Fellowship Secretariat, will select an International Jury to evaluate the proposals based on scientific merit (first round evaluations). The Jury will be composed of scientific experts, minimum of 4 experts per field (Atmospheric sciences, Geology, Glaciology and Microbiology), who will evaluate proposals in their respective fields.
- Fellowship Committee:** evaluates proposals and selects the winning candidate on the basis of the scientific relevance and practical and financial feasibility of the proposed project (second round evaluation). The Fellowship Committee consists of:
 - Two representatives of the Baillet Latour Fund (and Chair of the Fellowship Committee)
 - Two members of the IPF board or their representatives
 - One honorary member of the IPF

- One representative of SCAR or of the international Antarctic research community
- The President of the Jury

5) 2018 LAUREATE SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Proposals will be filtered by the Fellowship Secretariat according to eligibility criteria. Those not meeting the minimum criteria nor submitting full applications will not be considered.
- First stage evaluation: at least 3 (anonymous) Jury Members who are experts in one of the four target fields will evaluate eligible proposals according to a standardized evaluation and ranking procedure.
- The results of the evaluations, compiled by the Fellowship Secretariat, will be forwarded to the Jury President who will make a short list (not exceeding six projects) amongst evaluated proposals on the basis of their ranking by the Jury Members.
- Second stage evaluation: short-listed proposals will be evaluated during a second stage by the Antarctic Fellowship Committee on the basis of their feasibility, project planning, use of resources, etc. Additional information may be sought from applicants at this stage.
- The final selection will be made by the Antarctica Fellowship Committee based on a combination of scientific merit and feasibility.
- The winning applicant will be notified following the Fellowship meeting.



6) CONTACT POINT

Antarctica Fellowship Secretariat: fellowship@polarfoundation.org

Candidates are welcome to contact the Fellowship Secretariat with any questions regarding the application procedure, station facilities and logistics, and any other questions relating to the award.