



INBEV-BAILLET LATOUR ANTARCTICA PRIZE

Call for Proposals July 2009
Information file

THE INBEV BAILLET LATOUR FUND

The InBev-Baillet Latour Fund was set up as a result of the joint efforts of the Comte de Baillet Latour and the Artois Breweries in Belgium. It was in 1974 that the Comte donated his important holding of Artois Brewery shares that enabled the Fund, which bears his name, to achieve its objectives.

The aim of the Fund was defined as follows: "The sole aim of the Fund shall be to encourage and award services of outstanding human value in the Arts and Sciences by means of Prizes, study and travel grants, donations in cash or kind, or by any other means that the Fund might deem appropriate. The Fund shall be a non-profit making organisation, and shall have no political, trade-union or philosophical affiliations".

THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR FOUNDATION

The International Polar Foundation (IPF) was set up in 2002 to promote public appreciation of the research carried out in the Polar Regions and, particularly, its contribution to the understanding of the global dynamics that drive climate change. The IPF has set out a strategy of communication, education, and demonstration of aimed at explaining the role of research in the Polar Regions in addressing the important questions related to climate change and sustainable development.

Belgium is one of the original signatories of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, which has consecrated the continent to international scientific cooperation and environmental protection. In 2004, the Belgian Federal Government commissioned the International Polar Foundation to design and construct a new Antarctic Research Station in the Queen Maud Land region of East Antarctica. Within the newly created "Polar Secretariat", the IPF will now manage the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica research station which has already begun to welcome researchers.

THE AIM OF THE INBEV-BAILLET LATOUR ANTARCTICA PRIZE (IBLAP).

In bringing together the aims of the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund and the International Polar Foundation to promote science and scientific excellence, and in recognition of the important role of the scientific activity carried out in the Antarctic, this Award will seek to encourage scientific research activity linked to the new Antarctic research station, the Princess Elisabeth Station.

The IBLAP will take account of the priority themes of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) on scientific research in the Antarctic, and will undertake to ensure that scientific excellence is the chief criteria for selection of the winning project.

THE ANTARCTICA PRIZE.

- The *InBev-Baillet Latour Antarctica Prize (IBLAP)* of € 150 000 (one hundred and fifty thousand euros) is to be disbursed for use over a two year period. The Prize will be awarded following the scheme: scientific preparation and work in Belgium during the first year, followed by an Antarctic research campaign. .

ELIGIBILITY

- The call for proposals is open to doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, from nationals of all countries, registered at a Belgian University or research institute to carry out research relevant to the call for proposals.
- Candidates must be under 35 years of age at the time they apply for the Award.
- The projects of research being submitted for Candidature will be carried out in, or in the vicinity of, the Princess Elisabeth Station.

RESEARCH THEMES

Eligible scientific research should fall under the following themes:

- Polar Biology, terrestrial and ocean margin processes, lakes, microbiology, carbon cycles;
- Polar- global linkages ;
- Geodetic studies, geodynamics, seismology ;
- Cartography ;
- Atmosphere: high altitude transfers, chemistry ;
- Cryosphere: Sea ice physics, sea ice characteristics, dynamics etc. ;
- Glaciology: behaviour of glaciers, dynamic and evolution of the ice cap, and the ice shelves, palaeoclimate and climate modelling;
- Meteorology, and multifunctional observatories, satellite and ground based earth observations;
- Astronomy;
- Medical research on physiology of extremes;
- Extreme climate technologies and space applications ;
- Renewable energy technologies for extreme conditions.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Call for Proposals : 10 July 2009
Deadline for Submission: 10 September 2009

Project proposals must contain a summary of proposed activity of the project over two years as well as more detailed accounts of the scientific underpinnings of the project, and the full financial planning indicating how the funding is to be used over the two year period.

A demonstrable need for field work in Antarctica is an important pre-requisite for project selection.

Forms for the submission of proposals will be made available on-line for interested candidates on the web page of the Prize Secretariat – hosted by the IPF. Submission is preferred in English, where feasible.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- At the beginning of September, the Joint Award Committee will invite a jury to judge the selected projects, on the basis of scientific merit.
- The short-list, made by the Jury, will be notified to the successful candidate(s) and his/her University or research institute by the IBLAP Prize Secretariat, in early-October.
- The Award ceremony will be held at the end of October, and the researcher selected will be able to carry out field activities in the Antarctic season following the year of award, and will present the report of his/her activity at the Award ceremony of the following year (Y+2).
- One award of € 150 000 to cover all academic and research based costs, living and travel expenses, including logistic expenses for the Antarctic expeditions, will be made to the successful candidate, who in turn will be responsible for managing the project and reporting on progress at regular intervals. The modalities of project payments and reporting, as well as financial control will be fixed by a contract to be drawn up between the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund and the candidate.

INBEV-BAILLET LATOUR ANTARCTICA PRIZE SECRETARIAT:

Nathalie Van Isacker - nathalie@polarfoundation.org

TEL: 02/ 543 06 98

<http://www.polarfoundation.org/index.php?/projects/>