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Announcement of the creation of four special "Sciences, Arts and Peace" Prizes

The return of war to Europe

24 February 2022 marks the return of war to Europe. [The Royal Academy of Belgium has condemned in the strongest terms](#) the invasion of Ukraine by the armed forces of the Russian Federation. It expressed its particular solidarity with Ukrainian scientists and artists as well as with [Russian scientists and artists who condemn this war](#). The Academy also supported [the International Academic Union](#) (IAU) and the [Alliance of European Academies](#) (ALLEA), which have taken a very strong stand. For its part, the Academy wishes to stress the importance of maintaining a collegial link with dissident Russian scientists and artists who are still in their country, in order to ensure that they are not further isolated.

Our collective attitude to this war is fundamental because the future of peace in Europe, if not in the world, is at stake at this moment. This exceptional situation therefore justifies the mobilisation of the Academy's intellectual and financial resources [in support of the moral values it has always defended](#) (academic freedom, independence of science from political powers, international scientific and artistic collaboration, etc.).

Four special "Sciences, Arts & Peace" prizes

The Royal Academy of Belgium announces the creation of four special prizes for researchers or artists of Ukrainian or Russian origin who have expressed their opposition to the invasion of Ukraine and have been directly affected by the war. The purpose of these special prizes is to offer these researchers and artists the best material, intellectual and human conditions to pursue their work.

Amount

Each Prize carries an amount of €20,000.

A Prize does not constitute a salary and may be combined with other sources of income.

The Academy may also assist the recipients and their families in finding suitable accommodation.

The amount of the Prize will be paid in a lump sum to the recipient, who will be free to use it as he or she sees fit.

Affiliations

The recipients must be officially affiliated with the Academy or another scientific or cultural institution of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

Recipients will be invited to become actively and permanently involved in the work of the Steering Committee of the *Academic Committee for Sustainable Peace* established within the Academy.

Language courses

French language courses can be taken thanks to the initiative launched by the *Alliance française* in Brussels.

Administrative procedures

Recipients will be assisted with their application to the relevant Belgian authorities to obtain a residence permit in Belgium.

Application file

The application file consists of the following documents

- a CV with a list of publications
- a brief description of previous and current work to provide information on the quality of the profile (maximum 2 pages)

The application should ideally be sent as a single PDF file.

It should be indicated whether the candidate has a contact among the members of the Royal Academy of Belgium or within the academic or cultural institutions of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation.

The application file should be sent to peace_committee@academieroyale.be

Contact

In order to limit as far as possible any interception of communications that could compromise the safety of the candidates, the Royal Academy will communicate through end-to-end encrypted solutions with the persons who request it.

Useful links

[HelpUkraine.Brussels](#)

[#ScienceForUkraine](#)

[ALLEA](#)

[Scholars at risk](#)

[Euraxess](#)

[European Commission](#)

[Programme PAUSE \(Collège de France\)](#)

[Académie des Sciences \(France\) - Comité des scientifiques pour l'Ukraine](#)