



RULES FOR APPLICATION

EFSJ climategrant 2020

INTRODUCTION

The climate investigation grant was created in 2018 with the aim of supporting ambitious field investigations focused on understanding of the climate, adaptation to climate change, or on different mitigation strategies. It also aims to encourage transnational, collaborative and transmedia projects. It is exclusively reserved for professionals (print, radio, TV, web...), who must be a member either of a national association of science journalists, based in Europe, or of the EFSJ (or thereafter become a member). There is no linguistic restriction on the language in which the winning projects are subsequently published. One laureate of the EFSJ Climate Grant 2020 will be awarded the NextJournalism Prize.

CLAUSE 1 - CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- **Conditions concerning the author and his or her potential co-authors**

A project may be carried out by one author, but the jury favours projects carried out by various co-authors, especially from different countries or from the African continent. In such cases, a referent author must be designated for communications with EFSJ and its partners.

To compete for the climate investigation grant, the author or the referent author if the project concerns several co-authors, must be a professional journalist and must be a member of a national association of science journalists or become a member of an European association of science journalists. If you do not belong to a national association or there is no local association, please contact cig2020@efsj.eu for further information.

The author can only participate in one application per edition. A co-author cannot withdraw or be withdrawn from a project admitted to pre-selection, and especially not once awarded.

- **Conditions relating to the project**

The climate investigation grant can only be awarded to projects. It is not accessible to works which are already completed or being finalised. If the project is carried out by several co-authors, it is the subject of a single application on which all the co-authors must expressly appear.

Projects must be presented and addressed exclusively by the authors. Applications filed directly by a legal person (company, collective, association...) will not be considered.

The projects can be published in any language, but must be submitted to the jury in English and consist of the required documents as defined in the call for applications. A letter of support from a media organisation is strongly recommended.

CLAUSE 2 - PROCESS

- **Registration**

Online registration is free of charge at efsj.eu/climategrant in accordance with the dates and deadlines stipulated in the call for applications, and in accordance with these rules. A form details the composition of the application file and the required documents. At the end of this registration process, an acknowledgment of receipt will be sent to authors and their potential co-authors.

- **Preselection**

A pre-selection will be carried out by the EFSJ. Applications which do not comply with these rules, the recommendations in the call for applications, or that do not include the required information and documents will be rejected. This pre-selection is sent to the jury for deliberation. Candidates who have not been shortlisted will be informed by email.

- **Selection**

Selection will be made by a jury composed of journalists and scientists. The jury's decision is final, made by majority at the end of the deliberations. Decisions may not be contested. The jury may request additional information at any time during the selection process.

Who is the jury ?

- [Michele Catanzaro](#) & [Vera Novais](#) are two of the 2018 EFSJClimateGrant laureates ;
- [Olivier Dangles](#), researcher at the IRD, is the LIFE WITHOUT ICE project leader ;
- [Rosa Maria Roman-Cuesta](#) researcher at CIFOR, is the CORESCAM project co-leader (on extreme events) ;
- [Laurent Simon](#) is cofounder and publisher of TheMetaNews ;
- [Krijn Soeteman](#) is the president of European federation of science journalism (EFSJ) ;

The jury will take into account :

- the originality of the subject, its importance, its scientific relevance, the envisaged journalistic approach, its feasibility, possible international collaborations, and the transmedia dimension of the project.

- The 2020 Jury will look favorably at projects including African topics or including African journalists to promote the coverage of the climate issues on this continent.
- For the **NextJournalism Prize**, the jury will take into account the following criteria:
 - Replicability of the format and/or its approach, possibility to complete the project in different formats (i.e. a podcast, video, multimedia project, etc.)
 - European collaborations
 - A business model proposition or self-financing possibilities would be a big plus!

CLAUSE 3 - AWARD

The climate investigation grant is a capped sum, paid directly to the winner(s) by the EFSJ. Its amount must be specified in the call for applications. The jury is free to decide to award the candidate(s) a lower amount. A part of the sum will be paid upfront to the candidate, the remaining share when the work is published.

In the event of difficulties arising in the course of execution of the Agreement, ESFJ will have to be informed by being addressed an official letter sent with acknowledgement of receipt. All Parties will then have to decide whether they would like to define a new object of funding from ESFJ, or to refuse the funds.

The climate investigation grant can be combined with other professional support. In case of multiple authors, the grant is paid to the designated referent author. The payment of the grant is subject to the signature of these rules.

One of the laureates of the ESFJ climate grant will be awarded the **NextJournalism prize** by the jury :

- **A 3-days international learning expedition** (transportation and accommodation included)
- **One masterclass and workshop in Paris** with the CFJ fellows and alumni (transportation and accommodation included)

CLAUSE 4 - GUARANTEES

Applicants shall guarantee the EFSJ and the BNP Paribas Foundation against any recourse or action that may be brought against them on any basis whatsoever, during the course of the competition and during the operations envisaged in Clause 5 of these rules, by any person who participated or not in the development of the work, and susceptible to assert any right of any kind.

Candidates are solely and fully responsible for the content of the work; as such, they undertake not to use any element likely to infringe on the rights of third parties, notably copyrights or their personality rights, and declare that they have obtained the prior authorisation of any third person whose protected work, image, voice or name appears in the work. In particular, contestants guarantee that their work does not contain any content that may be against the law or other regulations, notably those relating to defamation and insult, privacy and counterfeiting.

The EFSJ and its partners reserve the right to cancel an application or even the awarding of the climate investigation grant in the event that the provisions of this clause are not respected, i.e. in all cases where the responsibility of the candidate is engaged on behalf of the name or rights held by a third party in any capacity.

To our future laureates : the EFSJ climate grant will be paid

The awarded projects must be published by september 2021

CLAUSE 5 - AUTHORISATIONS

The winners (names of authors, titles of projects and short summaries) will be published on the website of the EFSJ or its communication media. The winners of the climate investigation grant expressly authorise the EFSJ and the BNP Paribas Foundation, to carry out the following operations, free of charge:

- the publication of titles, names of authors, press materials (author's photograph, biographies, short summaries...) on all media relating to the promotion of the work and the prize list, and communicated to the EFSJ for this end ;
- the keeping of a copy of the completed winning work in order to make it available to the members of EFSJ and the BNP Paribas Foundation ;
- dissemination of the work once published, in its entirety or as an excerpt, for example at the World Conference of Science Journalists 2021 and the forthcoming European Conference of Science Journalists, and where appropriate at other free events organised by the EFSJ or the BNP Paribas Foundation ;
- dissemination on the site and social networks of the EFSJ, the ECSJ, the BNP Paribas Foundation and the CFJ Paris of one or more extracts of the work once published.

CLAUSE 6 - OBLIGATIONS

The beneficiaries undertake to regularly inform the EFSJ (cig2020@efsj.eu) of the progress of the funded work. The beneficiaries undertake to publish the work in the media or media of their choice and in the language of their choice. They expressly undertake to inform the EFSJ of the first publication of the work.

The mention “With the support of the EFSJ/BNP Paribas Foundation climate investigation grant” must appear on any medium of dissemination, exploitation, or publication of the work.

CLAUSE 7 - INCOMPATIBILITY

Members of the jury and the pre-selection working group may not be candidates as principal or co-author. Work which involves one of the jury members in any way whatsoever cannot be awarded grants.

CLAUSE 8 - ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

Participation in the selection process implies full and unreserved acceptance of these rules. The rules are deemed as accepted at the end of the online registration process, once it is validated by the candidate.

The EFSJ and its partners reserve the right to modify or cancel the conditions for the awarding of climate investigation grants, and shall not incur any liability in this respect. They shall inform candidates as soon as possible.

WHO ARE WE ?

The **European Federation for Science Journalism** is a non-profit organisation that aims to promote independent, high-quality science journalism across Europe by organising meetings and conferences, setting-up cross-border investigative reporting grants, and running awards. The EFSJ supports and stimulates journalists to critically examine, challenge and assess scientific information in a social, cultural, political, ethical and economic context. The EFSJ helps develop and support new business models for independent science journalism and stimulate the debate about the role of science journalism and science communication.

The **BNP Paribas Foundation**, under the auspices of the Fondation de France, has been a major player in corporate philanthropy for the last thirty years. It also coordinates the international development of the BNP Paribas Group's patronage, wherever the Bank is present. The BNP Paribas Foundation frames its actions within a multidisciplinary patronage approach, favouring innovative projects focused on culture, solidarity and the environment. Attentive to the quality of its commitment to its partners, the BNP Paribas Foundation strives to support their projects over time. Since 2010, the BNP Paribas Foundation has been supporting research on climate change through its Climate Initiative programme. Its objective is to understand the impacts of climate change in order to predict the consequences on our environment and on people worldwide.

About the CFJ Paris. For over seven decades, CFJ Paris has been teaching the fundamental values and ethical tenets behind journalism: objective reporting, fact-checking, free speech, team work, and systematically working with the strictures of doubt. Since 1946, over 2500 journalists have graduated from our school. Most of them now hold important positions at major media channels in Paris, other parts of France or abroad. CFJ Paris has created and launched the NextJournalism Prize in 2018, which seeks to reward long-term innovation and risk taking.