

Haberlandt Award for soybean research in Europe and China

Application Guidelines

1. Purpose and outline of the award

This prize is awarded by the Donau Soja Association in cooperation with the Soybean speciality committee of the Crop Science Society of China. The award receives financial support of the donors of the Haberlandt Scholarship: Ministry for Rural Areas and Consumer Protection Baden-Württemberg (MLR), Bavarian State Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Forestry (StMELF), Agroscope and Saatgut Austria. Its purpose is to recognise outstanding performances in soybean research; to rise the awareness about soybean research in Europe and to contribute to better linkages between Chinese and European soybean scientists.

2. Thematical scope

The award covers research in the fields of agronomy and crop science research; soybean breeding and genetics and other disciplines related to cultivation of soybeans in Europe or China. Innovations arising from this research should respect the current legislative frameworks relevant to cultivating soybeans in Europe or China. High emphasis is put on the expected impact in the 'Application form'. There, the applicant should explain how his/her research achievement contributes to:

- Increasing the cultivation area in Europe or China; or
- enhancing innovation capacity/integration of new knowledge; or
- strengthening the competitiveness of companies by developing innovations or
- other environmental and social impacts.

3. Candidates

The award is open for all who have had their soybean research primarily based in the last three years in either Europe or China. Achievements before 1 January 2018 are not considered to be awarded. Winners must be able to attend the awarding ceremony at the Donau Soja 10th Anniversary Event from 29-30 September in Vienna. On this high-level event, leading experts from the European soya industry, science and politics are coming together.¹ By submitting, applicants declare that they have not already received a prize of a substantial value (>3,000 Euro) for the submitted research work.

4. Number of awardees

The best application from Europe and the best from China will be awarded. Up to two further winners independent from their location are foreseen. This means that in total up to four winners may be awarded.

¹ Update March 2022: The World Soybean Research Conference XI was announced to be postponed until 2023.

5. Award

Prizes of a total value of 15,000 EUR will be awarded among up to four winners. The award winners will be invited to the Donau Soja 10th Anniversary Event in Vienna to receive their awards personally and to participate to the award ceremony. Winners may request for a financial support for travel and participation expenses.

6. How to apply

The website of the Legume Hub (www.legumehub.eu/science/haberlandt-award) provides access to the latest information and documents. The key points are:

- a) Applications must be prepared according to the "Application forms" and submitted by email to research@donausoja.org. Every successfully submitted application will receive a confirmation note.
- b) Applications must include supporting materials that substantiate the candidate's achievements, such as the applicant's most important research papers (three items), technical handbooks, patent applications or utility models, newspaper articles etc.
- c) Applications are only possible in English language. Insufficient or incorrect applications will not be considered.

7. Criteria for selection

The evaluation panel will give consideration to the following perspectives in evaluating and judging the applicants' performance and research achievements for this award:

- a) Outlined research and development has shown abundant originality.
- b) Outlined research and development provides a promising potential for contributing to the impacts as described under section 2.
- c) The application can credibly demonstrate the quality of the implementation of the research.
- d) Achievements in the research and development have been objectively evaluated, e.g., by being published in academic journals, theses, by patents, etc.

Other considerations:

- In the case of collaborative research results, the candidate's contribution to the research will be evaluated in relation to that of the collaborators.
- Research results created through business activities will also be properly evaluated as long as they meet the selection criteria.
- Committee members related to a research institute that recommends an applicant will not participate in the assessment and rating of the applicant.
- Consideration may be given to candidates' relationship with Europe or China.

8. Schedule

Due date for submission of application: 20 April 2022

Determination of award winners: 30 May 2022 (tentative)

Date of awarding ceremony: 29-30 September 2022 as part of the Donau Soja 10th Anniversary Event in Vienna, Austria.

For requests:

We kindly ask to read carefully all provided documents and to reach out to us only in case of emergency, e.g., in case of a missing confirmation note for a submission.

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About the Friedrich Haberlandt Scholarship

Professor Friedrich Haberlandt (1826-1878) pioneered soybean production in Europe and established an extensive trial network with 129 stations across Europe. Results of his tests led 1878 to the first scientific book about soybean and made the important future of this crop clear to him.

The Friederich Haberlandt Scholarship was initiated by the Donau Soja Association in Vienna. It funds a doctorate on soybean research established at BOKU University in Vienna. The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences is a leading partner in this project.

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