

VINFUTURE TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE CALL FOR 2026 NOMINATIONS

NOMINATE NOW: <https://online.vinfutureprize.org/nomination/>

VinFuture Foundation is now calling for nominations for the 2026 VinFuture Grand Prize and three Special Prizes. The nomination portal will be available for the 2026 season until April 17th, 2026.

The VinFuture Prize is established to honor breakthrough scientific research and technological innovations that create meaningful change in the everyday lives of millions of people. The Prize aims to recognize exceptional inventors and researchers from global academic universities, research labs, and industry.

The VinFuture Prize comprises:

- ❖ A Grand Prize of US\$3 million, awarded annually for breakthrough research and technological innovations that positively improve the quality of human life, and create a more equitable and sustainable world for future generations. The Grand Prize would be open to all, regardless of the candidate's nationality, age, gender, social status, or economic background.
- ❖ Three Special Prizes of US\$500,000 each with a focus on promoting diversity, equity, and new fields of study will also be awarded annually to:
 - Innovators from Developing Countries
 - Women Innovators
 - Innovators with Outstanding Achievements in Emerging Fields

ELIGIBLE FIELDS FOR NOMINATIONS

The VinFuture Prize recognizes breakthroughs across all fields of science, technology and engineering that have already delivered impact or show the potential to deliver impact for real-world problems that align with at least one of the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

KEY CRITERIA

- There should be clear evidence, or potential, for an end-product or service based on the solution, which has an everyday practical application;
- Solutions should have already benefited millions of people in the past 10 years for the Grand Prize, or have the potential to benefit millions of people in the next 10 years for the Special Prizes;
- Solutions should be aligned with one or more of the United Nation's SDGs;
- Solutions must be scientifically proven (i.e., there should be clear evidence of passing relevant scientific trials, and in the case of research, it must be empirically proven or widely reviewed);
- Open to researchers or inventors who were involved in developing the underlying solutions, and not entrepreneurs or corporates who helped in commercialization/diffusion of the technology;
- End-products of the research should benefit people globally, including those from developing and less developed countries, as well as lower-income and disadvantaged communities;
- Open to individuals or teams of researchers/inventors;
- Preferences are considered for nominees in the active stages of their careers;
- Same individual/team can be nominated for one or more of the VinFuture Special Prizes if eligible;
- Research/Solution/Invention can be underpinned in any discipline of science, engineering, or technology, including potentially multi-disciplinary approaches.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL PRIZES

- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Innovators from Developing Countries:** Awarded only to researchers or innovators working in a developing country organization. In case of a nomination involving a team, then all the team members should be working in developing countries. The center of gravity of their work should be in developing countries.
- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Women Innovators:** Awarded only to Women researchers or innovators, with no restriction on nationality, age, social status, or economic background of the nominees.
- ❖ **VinFuture Special Prize for Innovators with Outstanding Achievements in Emerging Fields:** Emerging field is defined as any field that is non-traditional and its researchers may come from different disciplines.

NOMINATORS

The VinFuture Prize partners with prestigious academic institutions and organizations around the globe to identify the most outstanding nominations that create meaningful change in the everyday lives of millions of people.

No self-nominations are accepted.

Only nomination submitted in English is accepted.

Both organizational/institutional nominators and individual nominators can submit their nominations for the VinFuture Prize via the Online Submission Portal.

The VinFuture Prize welcomes nominations from reputable organizations such as universities, research institutes/centers, academies of science and technology, scientific associations/networks, corporations and industries, innovation incubators and from prominent individuals in related areas.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The deadline for 2026 nomination submission is **2:00 PM, April 17th, 2026 (Vietnam Time GMT +7)**. Only online nominations submitted through this system before the deadline will be considered for this year. Nominations submitted after the deadline will be considered for next year.

Please find more information regarding:

- Detailed instructions on the nomination process and form: <https://online.vinfutureprize.org/nomination/>
- Frequently asked questions: <https://vinfutureprize.org/faqs/>

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