

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 | CANDIDATE PROFILE

Who can submit an entry for the BBVA Foundation Biophilia Award in Environmental Humanities and Social Sciences?

- Candidates can be **natural or legal persons** of any nationality engaging professionally in any facet of environmental thought, communication or culture.
- Joint entries will be accepted from two or more natural and/or legal persons that have made collaborative contributions.
- The award recognizes contributions of broad impact that have marked a milestone in our understanding of the relationship between human beings and nature.

2 | SUBMITTING AN ENTRY

Who can present candidates?

- Candidatures may be:
 - **Direct:** Submitted by natural or legal persons on their own behalf (in the case of legal persons, by their legal representative).
 - **Indirect:** Submitted by natural or legal persons other than the candidates.

Can I put myself forward for the award?

- Yes.

How do I submit an entry?

- All entries must be submitted through the email address biophilia-award@fbvva.es with the name of the first candidate by alphabetical order stated in the subject line.

When does the submission period close?

- The submission period for this award closes on **May 30, 2025 at 12 noon (Spanish standard time)**.

Will time be allowed for rectifications after the deadline for submissions?

- Yes. If the submission contains rectifiable errors, the BBVA Foundation will inform the candidate or nominator to this effect, giving a non-extendible period of 15 calendar days as of this notification in which to correct them, so the entry may be accepted for consideration.

Does being a candidate for the Biophilia Award in Humanities and Social Sciences disqualify me from any other BBVA Foundation calls?

- Yes. No candidate in this call may also submit an entry for the 20th edition of the BBVA Foundation Awards for Biodiversity Conservation or number among their past awardees.

3 | DOCUMENTATION

What kinds of documentation are required for an entry to be accepted for consideration?

1/ A correctly completed submission form, indicating all the materials making up the candidature, and with file names provided for each document.

- In the case of individual direct candidatures, the **form** should be signed by the candidate.
- In the case of joint direct candidatures, the **form** should be signed by at least one candidate. The remaining natural and/or legal persons making up the candidature should sign this **Personal Data Processing form**.
- In the case of indirect candidatures, the **form** should be signed by the persons submitting it.
- In both direct and indirect candidatures, the signatories of the letters of support or nomination should sign the corresponding submission form or, failing that, this **Personal Data Processing form**.

2/ A description of the contributions made in environmental thought, communication and culture (maximum of 5 DIN A4 pages in PDF format).

3/ In the case of natural persons, a curriculum vitae should be provided for each candidate, again in PDF format.

4/ A copy in PDF format or a link to the most salient materials that have achieved the greatest impact (up to a maximum of five). Where relevant, include some indication of audience figures.

Documents that include more than one link in each will not be accepted.

5/ A copy of letters of nomination (at least one in indirect candidatures) and/or letters of support (as the case may be) in PDF format, up to a maximum of five.

In the event of a joint candidature, what documentation should I provide?

- In the case of joint entries comprising natural persons, the documentation is exactly the same, except that a curriculum vitae must be provided for each of the candidates. No CV is required if the candidate is a legal person.
- A description of the contributions made in environmental thought, communication and culture (maximum of 5 DIN A4 pages, in English, in PDF format), laying special emphasis on the candidates' shared contributions, and including reasoned arguments for their inclusion in a joint candidature.
- In the case of joint direct candidatures, the submission form should be signed by at least one of the people submitting it. Remaining candidates should provide a signed copy of the **Personal Data Processing form**.

In what language should entries be submitted?

- All documentation must be presented **in English**, with the exception of the materials substantiating the submitted contribution, which may be submitted in other languages,

accompanied by a short summary in English.

Do I have to use specific forms provided for this call?

- No, except in the case of the submission form.

What is the difference between letters of nomination and letters of support?

- Letters of nomination are provided in the case of indirect candidatures.
- Letters of support are provided in the case of both direct and indirect candidatures.
- The presenters of letters of support or nomination are required to also sign the submission form or provide a signed copy of the [Personal Data Processing form](#).

Do direct candidatures need to be backed by letters of support?

- No.

Do indirect candidatures need to come with letters of nomination?

- In the case of indirect nominations, at least one letter of nomination needs to be provided.

Can letters of support be provided in the case of indirect candidatures?

- Yes, indirect candidatures can come with both letters of support and letters of nomination, up to a maximum of five.

How should letters of support be provided?

- Letters of support should be sent directly by their signatories to biophilia-award@bbva.es with the name of the candidature stated clearly in the subject line.
- The signatories of these letters must be identified in the submission form, which they should likewise sign (failing which they must provide a signed copy of the [Personal Data Processing form](#)).

How should letters of nomination be provided?

- In cases where a nomination coordinator has been appointed, he or she should send the letters of nomination together with the remaining materials making up the candidature.
- The signatories of these letters must be identified in the submission form, which they should likewise sign (failing which they must provide a signed copy of the [Personal Data Processing form](#)).
- Letters of nomination may also be sent directly by their signatories, as previously identified in the corresponding submission form, to biophilia-award@bbva.es.

Who can provide letters of support or nomination?

- Letters of nomination and letters of support should come from experts or organizations working in nature conservation, the protection of the environment or environmental communication, humanities or social sciences, among them:
 - Scientists and/or experts of acknowledged prestige in the areas of environmental communication, humanities or social sciences.
 - Representatives and/or members of public institutions and authorities with competences in nature conservation and climate change.

- National and international conservationist organizations.
- Representatives and/or members of associations of media professionals.

What information should letters of support or nomination contain?

- A short reasoned account of the significance and scope of the trajectory and/or contribution being presented.
- In the case of joint candidatures, special emphasis should be laid on the candidates' collaborative contributions.

4 | AWARD CONTENT

What does the award consist of?

- A single award of 100,000 euros, a diploma and a commemorative artwork.
- The award will be subject to the withholding and other taxes stipulated in current legislation, which will be deducted from its monetary amount.
- The BBVA Foundation will deliver the award in full to the winner or winners at a public ceremony convened for this purpose.

What happens with the prize money if the winning entry is made up of various persons or organizations?

- In the event that the award goes to a candidature comprising two or more natural or legal persons, its monetary amount will be divided equally between them.

What requirements must awardees meet?

- The prize money may be spent at the awardee(s)' discretion. However by accepting the award they agree to attend its presentation ceremony, at which they will deliver a lecture on the environmental topic of their choice.

5 | AWARD DECISION

When will the award decision be announced?

- The award decision will be made public **no later than October 1, 2025**.
- Following the decision, the name of the awardee(s) and the membership of the evaluation committee will be posted on our [website](#).
- The evaluation committee may decide to merge two or more separate entries when it considers that they have made convergent contributions. In the case of candidatures made up of several persons or organizations, it may also elect to confine the award to one or some of its members in recognition of their differential contribution.
- The evaluation committee may declare the award partially or wholly vacant.
- The decision of the evaluation committee will not be open to appeal.
- No itemized or individual information will be provided on the submissions received or the deliberations of the evaluation committee.

If we have not answered your question, please contact the BBVA Foundation at biophilia-award@fbvva.es. We will be delighted to assist you.