Proposals for VET Research Award of the European Commission 2017

At the European Vocational Skills Week 2017, taking place in November in Brussels, the European Commission will for the second time award examples of excellence in vocational education and training (VET). The VET Research Award aims to reward an outstanding VET research project or an individual researcher who has made an outstanding contribution to innovative thinking in VET, including initial and higher VET, continuing VET, and career-long professional learning.

Organisation of the VET Research Award

The European Research Network in Vocational Education and Training (VETNET) has been appointed to manage the call for proposals and the nomination process.

It invites VET researchers and other VET professionals to propose a project or person for the VET Research Award.

- Deadline: 15 September 2017, 23.59 CET latest
- Proposals have to be submitted in English.
- Self-nominations are not possible.
- People and projects from institutions involved in the evaluation and selection process (Evaluation Committee) cannot be nominated.
- Projects/persons are evaluated in October 2017 by the evaluation committee; the selected person or project will be proposed to the EC.
- The award will be handed over during the European VET Week in Brussels (24 November 2017). Travel and accommodation costs for the Award Winner will be covered by the European Commission.

Evaluation Committee

Representatives of EERA VETNET

- Prof. Dr. Barbara E. Stalder, Bern University of Teacher Education, Switzerland (link convenor of VETNET, chair of evaluation committee)
- Emeritus Prof. Dr. Karen Evans, UCL Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom (VETNET board member)
- Prof. Dr. Lázaro Moreno Herrera, Stockholm University, Sweden (VETNET board member)
- Nora Cechovsky, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria (Emerging Researchers' Conference ERC of the ECER)

Representatives of the International Journal for Research in Vocational Education and Training (IJRVET)

- Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Gessler, University of Bremen, Germany (editor-in-chief)
- Prof. Dr. Fernando Marhuenda, University of Valencia, Spain (advisory board member)
- Prof. Dr. Petri Nokelainen, University of Tampere, Finland (advisory board member)

There will be no correspondence about the proposals and the evaluation process.

If the evaluation committee needs more information, they will contact either the proposer or the person / project coordinator proposed.

If you have any questions, contact Prof. Dr. Barbara E. Stalder, Chair of the Evaluation Committee; barbara.stalder@phbern.ch

Short description of the information that has to be provided when proposing a project or person for the EC VET research award

The following information must be included in the proposal:

1. ALL PROPOSALS (person and project proposals)

Person proposing a project or person

Name, Address, Phone, Email, Skypename (if applicable)

Indication, whether the proposal concerns an individual researcher or a research project (tick a box)

Research focus of the project or person proposed

(tick one/several boxes) Initial VET, higher VET, continuing VET, career-long professional learning, other

Level of reference: Visibility and impact

(tick one/several boxes) European level, national level, regional level

Short description about how the proposed person/project corresponds to the evaluation criteria

Scientific soundness (e.g., transparency, adequacy, ethics); Innovation (e.g., theory, methods and/or practice); Impact (e.g., on stakeholders, community, theory building)

2. If PROJECT proposal

Project title

Contact details of project coordinator or person responsible for the project

Name, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Skypename (if applicable), Name and organisation of project collaborators, website of the project

Abstract of the project (e.g., from the project website or project proposal)

400 words

Status of the project

Conception (=not eligible for nomination), starting, running, finished

Main publications related to the project

Most important references

3. If PERSON proposal

Contact details of person nominated

Name, Affiliation, Address, Phone, Email, Skypename (if applicable), year of birth

Research focus of the person proposed for nomination

Short description, e.g., from the personal website, CV

List of most relevant publications

4. Any other information