

CHERN MEDAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

I. Selection of Medalists

A. The Medal is to be awarded to an individual whose accomplishments warrant the highest level of recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of mathematics.

B. All living, natural persons, regardless of age or vocation, shall be eligible for the Medal. Additional qualifying or disqualifying criteria may be imposed consistent with IMU policies.

II. Selection Committee

A. Each Medalist shall be selected by a Selection Committee consisting of five members.

B. A new Selection Committee shall be formed at least two years in advance of each award ceremony, for the purpose of identifying that Medalist.

C. The IMU shall appoint four members of each Selection Committee, and CMF shall appoint the fifth.

D. At the outset of each award cycle, the IMU shall nominate one of the five members of the Selection Committee as Chair of the Committee, subject to approval by CMF.

III. The Awards

A. Each Medalist shall receive a cash prize of \$250,000.

B. In addition, each Medalist may nominate one or more organizations to receive funding totaling \$250,000, for the support of research, education or other outreach programs in the field of mathematics (the "Organization Awards").

C. Each Medalist's nominees for Organization Awards are subject to approval by FIMU, which shall grant such approval so long as the proposed awards:

1. will be qualifying, charitable distributions within the meaning of U.S. tax law;
and

2. will substantially further the purposes of CMF, FIMU and the Grant.

IV. Other Terms and Conditions

A. The identity of each Medalist will be kept strictly confidential until the time at which that Medalist is honored.

B. CMF retains the right to enjoin any ancillary usage of any name or mark associated with the Program if, in CMF's sole discretion, such use does not appropriately reflect on or advance the interests of the Program.

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Nominations for the Chern Medal Award

The International Mathematical Union (IMU) and the Chern Medal Foundation (CMF) appoint, following the guidelines above, a Selection Committee consisting of five members one of whom is nominated as Chair of the Committee. The name of the Chair of the Selection Committee is made public, the names of the other members of the Committee remain anonymous until the Medal is awarded to the Medalist identified by the Committee.

Nominations are requested electronically and, if possible, in pdf format and should be sent to the Prize Selection Committee Chair by the date specified in the invitation to submit nominations.

The contact details of the Prize Selection Committee Chair are announced as soon as a new Selection Committee has been formed.

Nominations must include:

- Name and affiliation of candidate.
- A description of the work that qualifies the candidate for the award, written in terms that are accessible to mathematicians of different backgrounds, including references to the candidate's important papers.

Nominations are confidential, and must not be disclosed to the candidate.

Abbreviations of organizations used:

IMU: International Mathematical Union

FIMU: Friends of the International Mathematical Union (a non-governmental non-profit scientific organization, technically: a 501(c)(3) organization, established in 2008 by IMU in the United States able to accept tax deductible donations in the US)

CMF: Chern Medal Foundation (a U.S. non-governmental non-profit scientific organization established by contributions from the S. S. Chern Foundation for Mathematical Research and the Simons Foundation to create and fund the Chern Medal Award, the S. S. Chern Foundation for Mathematical Research was founded in 1987)