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Subject: **Call for nominations for the UNESCO-Carlos J. Finlay Prize for Microbiology**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Government to submit nominations for the UNESCO-Carlos J. Finlay Prize for Microbiology.

Funded by the Government of Cuba, this Prize is intended to reward an individual, an institution, a non-governmental organization or any other entity that, through its research and achievements, has made a major contribution to the discipline of microbiology and its applications.

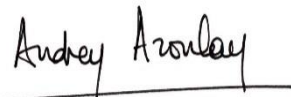
Nominations shall be submitted by the Governments of Member States, through their National Commissions, or by non-governmental organizations in official partnership with UNESCO. Self-nominations will not be considered. The nomination process is explained in detail in the attached nomination form.

Online nominations must be received by UNESCO, in English or French, by **20 October 2023** (midnight, CEST). Any nominations received after this date, or by any other means, will not be considered.

UNESCO wishes that this call for nominations will be widely distributed in your country to governmental entities, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations, local communities and the media that may be interested in this Prize.

The Secretariat of the Prize ([carlosjfinlayprize@unesco.org](mailto:carlosjfinlayprize@unesco.org)) remains at your disposal for any request concerning this process.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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cc: Permanent Delegations and observers to UNESCO  
National Commissions for UNESCO