

PKFOKAM AWARDS REGULATIONS

Article 1 – Purpose

PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology is a competition initiated by Dr Paul K. FOKAM in order to promote the quest for excellence among Africa’s youth. After personally helping young African start-uppers for many years, he decided to rally likeminded fellow Africans to create a framework for the systematic promotion of African excellence.

Dr. Fokam is the founder and president of a Yaoundé-based pan African university for excellence, which seeks to be an African incubator of world-class leaders, who are driven by excellence.

The purpose of the competition is to detect innovative projects and to enable their implementation through start-ups. It is designed to spur African researchers, scientists and engineers to develop products that offer solutions to basic problems facing African countries and have a potential for stimulating the economy. The competition seeks to encourage researchers and scientists to move beyond publishing articles in scientific journals and to start adding value to the results of their research.

The competition is open to scientists, engineers, technicians or competent individuals in any field. Inventors or developers with a degree in engineering or not but, who possess proven competence in engineering are also eligible.

While submissions from all fields are welcome, candidates are encouraged to explore neglected fields, which offer the basis for industrialisation namely:

- Machine construction
- Energy development
- Software development
- Food conservation
- Drug development
- Foundry
- Electronics

Awards are given out in two categories:

First Category: Best Business Project

This award is in recognition of young Africans who demonstrate initiative and entrepreneurship in legally approved business sectors. Candidates for this category must submit the business plan of a relevant project. The jury will pay attention to the project’s

coherence and profitability, its added value and feasibility as well as to the background of the project bearer and his or her personal contribution.

Second Category: Research and Applied Technological Innovation

This award is in recognition of innovative turn key solutions that have a direct impact on the lives of communities. This category is not subject to age restrictions.

Article 3 – Applications

Applications must be sent by email to awards@pkfokam-awards.org by the latest date indicated on the competition's website.

Candidates must fill in and sign the registration form available on the competition's website - www.pkfokam-awards.org and ensure that their application material is compliant with the instructions online.

Providing information that portrays the candidate's credibility and viability will be an advantage.

Information submitted by candidates will at no time be used otherwise or be shared with persons not involved in selection process of winners of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology. However, partners reserve the right to consult, if necessary, whatever sources for the purpose of verifying information provided by candidates.

Information in application files will be managed by computer processing.

Personal information will be managed with confidentiality; and uncompleted or noncompliant application files will be rejected.

Article 4 – Originality

Candidates of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology will ensure the originality of their submissions and must be owners of all moral rights related to the contents of the submissions and the form in which they are made. Any form of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.

Article 5 – Selection Criteria

The jury will consider:

- The originality of the project
- The innovativeness of the project
- The coherence and profitability of the project
- The added value of the project
- The feasibility of the project
- The background and personal contribution of the candidate

Article 6 – Jury

The jury is made up of five (05) eminent personalities drawn from the business and research worlds.

As far as possible, the jury will be guided by consensus and collegiality in selecting the winner. Whenever they find it necessary, members of the jury will decide, prior to the start of their meeting, on the voting method and their decisions will be final.

Article 7 – Nomination of Winners

The jury will shortlist the five best candidates for each category. The five candidates will compete in the final phase.

The organising committee will summon the five shortlisted candidates to an interview in an African city and the two best candidates in each category will be selected and revealed.

Article 8 – Cash Awards

First Category: Best Business Project

First Cash Award: CFAF 10,000,000 plus funding for the business plan.

Second Cash Award: CFA 2,500,000 plus funding for the business plan.

Second Category: Applied Research and Technological Innovation

First Cash Award: CFAF 10,000,000

Second Cash Award: CFAF 2,500,000

A cash award must be exclusively used for the development of the project it was awarded. The winner will submit a moral and financial report on expenses with the relevant proof. The organisers of the PKFokam Awards for Science and Technology reserve the right to contest part or all expenses, should the winner fail to provide such proof.

Article 9 – Winner Confirmation

The nomination of the winner chosen in keeping with provisions of Article 7 will be made official only after the winner has:

- accepted the cash award and the terms of use
- accepted to work with partners of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology for the realisation of his or her project
- accepted to actively participate for one year, as from the date of receiving the award, in activities organised with the framework of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology.

Article 10 – Annulment

If the first winner refuses to comply with the obligations of these regulations, the award will be handed to the second winner and so on until the fifth. In the event that jury cannot hand the award to the winners in the order of ranking decided by them, the organisers may decide to annul the awards.

Article 11 – Withholding Cash Awards

If the jury as defined in Article 6 decides that none of the candidates deserves the award, it may withhold all or part of the cash award.

Article 12 – Rights to Exploit the Projects and Images of Winners for the Purpose of Promotion

The winners will freely and on a non-exclusive basis grant organisers of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology for a period of seventy years the right to reproduce and represent, without restriction, solely for the purpose of promotion and on all media and by whatever means they will choose, contents submitted for the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology. Publication or broadcast of such contents or images must mention the winner.

Contents of the winner's projects may be broadcasted and or published on terms to be agreed upon between the organisers and winners on the condition that such contents be labelled "winner of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology".

Winners will authorise organisers of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology to reproduce and broadcast their images for the purpose of promoting them, their project, the organisers and/or the awards.

Article 13 – Acceptance of Regulations

Eligibility in this competition implies the acceptance of these regulations, which are available at www.pkfokam-awards.org No information will be communicated by phone. Candidates who demonstrate lack of information or who are guilty of misrepresentation will be eliminated.

Article 14 - Disclaimer

Organisers of the PKFokam Awards of Science and Technology will not liable if, for reasons beyond their control, the competition is modified, postponed or annulled partially or totally. The organisers of the competition will by no means be liable and will pay no compensation.

Organisers of the PKFokam Awards of Science and Technology reserve the right to, at any time and without prior notice, eliminate candidates who do not comply to these regulations.

Article 15 – Waiver of Liabilities

Candidates hereby release, waive organisers of the PKFokam Awards of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the organisers) from, and covenant not to sue the organisers for, any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in relation to any loss or damage or injury that may be sustained by the candidates as result of participating in the competition.

Candidates declare in full knowledge and expressly consent to release, waive organisers of the PKFokam Awards of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the organisers) from, and covenant not to sue the organisers for, any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or in relation to any loss or damage or injury (personal, physical, material, financial or otherwise) that may be sustained by the candidates as a result of participating in the competition and its fallouts. The organisers will not be liable for whatsoever loss or damage incurred by candidates.

The organisers will by no means whatsoever, be liable for the loss of data or the deterioration thereof. In the event that a candidate's data does not reach the organisers at all for whatsoever reason or reaches them in a state of illegibility or in a state in which they cannot be processed.

The organisers will not be liable for potential industrial actions or delays of the endowment dispatching service, which may prevent candidates from making full use of the endowment. The organisers will not be liable for the state and/or theft of endowments dispatched by post.

The organisers reserve the right to eliminate, at any time and without prior notice, any candidate, who does not comply with these regulations.

Article 16 – Data Protection and Individual Liberty

Winners expressly authorise the organisers and their partners to freely reproduce and to publish information on the competition, the initials of their names, their first names and their place of residence. Under the terms hereabove, this authorisation does not confer the right to whatever remuneration to the winners other than the cash award.

Article 17 – General Provisions

Materials submitted by candidates who do not qualify will not be returned.

Taking part in this competition implies full acceptance of these regulations and the decisions of the jury. No appeal founded on its requirements, terms of its conduct or its results will be acquired.

The regulations of the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology are available at www.pkfokam-awards.org

The organisers and members of the jury are forbidden from taking part in the PKFokam Awards for Science & Technology.

The organiser may at any time modify these rules as an additional clause. Such an additional clause will be published at www.pkfokam-awards.org.

The awards will be handed to winners in person at an awards ceremony in the premises of the PKFokam Institute for Excellence in Yaounde, Cameroon.