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Call for applications - Ibni Prize 2026

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In 2009, the Société Française de Statistique, the Société de Mathématiques Appliquées et Industrielles and the Société Mathématique de France launched a prize in memory of Ibni Oumar Mahamat Saleh, to continue his commitment to quality training for young African mathematicians. Since 2018, the Ibni Prize has been awarded every second year.

An independent jury selects two winners. The jury first draws up a shortlist based on a preliminary application file. It then requests additional information from the candidates selected at the end of this first stage. The complete application file consists primarily of the thesis manuscript, the publications and a scientific project. A curriculum vitae should provide details about the periods spent in Africa or at academic institutions abroad. Reports and letters of recommendation may also be included.

Each recipient receives a financial prize funded by the subscription in memory of Ibni Oumar Mahamat Saleh. Each recipient is also strongly encouraged to carry out a research stay in France, Europe or another country (in agreement with the prize organizers). CIMPA reimburses air travel costs up to a maximum of €1000, IDP contributes to accommodation costs in France up to a maximum of €1000, and the host department, together with the prize organizers, help funding this scientific stay.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences obtained after January 1, 2020. They must reside in one of the countries listed below (*) at the time of application.

There is no age limit for the candidates. Applications from women are particularly welcome.

This is a **two-step procedure**. Candidates send first *a preliminary application form*. The selection committee establishes next a short list. Then the selected candidates will be asked to provide *complementary information*.

The preliminary application form consists of:

- A curriculum vitae stating clearly the date and ~~the~~ place of the Ph.D. defense, the present residence and, if the applicant is employed, the nature of her/his present job.
- A list of publications; these will be attached either in PDF format or via a link. If the list includes more than three publications, the candidate will indicate his/her three main contributions with an asterisk. A link to the thesis and thesis reports is also desirable.
- A short scientific project.

These documents must be sent by email before January 31, 2026 to the president of the 2026 jury :

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The results of the Ibni Prize will be announced by June 30, 2026.

(*) *List of eligible countries : Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Tchad, Togo.*