



INTERNATIONAL ASTRONAUTICAL FEDERATION

# IAF YOUNG PIONEER AWARD 2026

## Call for Applications



*The International Astronautical Federation is pleased to announce the opening of the Call for Applications for the 2026 IAF Young Pioneer Award. The IAF Young Pioneer Award is presented annually to a young scientist who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the aerospace science and has given a paper at the International Astronautical Congress on the contribution.*

All the Authors who qualify (see Criteria below) and who wish to apply for the Award should send the selection material (see below) by e-mail before **Friday 7 August 2026** to the IAF Secretariat to [award@iafastro.org](mailto:award@iafastro.org).

The applications will be forwarded to the Space Education and Outreach Committee (SEOC), Honors and Awards Subcommittee.

The Award consists of a medal and a certificate of citation. It will be given at the Closing Ceremony of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2026) in Antalya, Türkiye.

### Criteria

The IAF Young Pioneer Award is presented annually to a young scientist (***below 30 years old on 1 January of 2027***) who contributed significantly to the advancement of the Aerospace Science and gives a paper at the International Astronautical Congress on such a contribution.



## Nomination and Selection

The IAF Young Pioneer Award will be announced each year by the IAF Space Education and Outreach Committee. Anybody wishing to apply should send the following information to the IAF Secretariat before the published deadline:

- Full text of the paper to be presented at the IAC 2026
- Curriculum vitae (*including the **date of birth** of the candidate*)
- The applicant contribution should be clearly identified if the paper is co-authored as the paper must represent the applicant's work and not just part of a group effort.

## IAF Young Pioneer Award

The IAF Young Pioneer Award winner will be announced during the **IAC 2026 Closing Ceremony**. Therefore, all the participants have to be prepared to attend this event, in case they are selected as winners.

Should you have any questions please contact us at [award@iafastro.org](mailto:award@iafastro.org).