In conjunction with World Youth Day SEOUL 2027

The 21st Mystery of Life Awards

Life Sciences / Humanities and Social Sciences / Activities

The Mystery of Life Awards was instituted to manifest the Catholic Church's teachings on the sanctity of human life. It aims to advance scholarly research within the domains of life sciences and humanities/social sciences while fostering initiatives that safeguard life, thereby propagating a culture of life

Awards

- Excellence Award : 200 million won (approx. $141,600)
- Achievement Award : 100 million won (approx. $70,830)
- Encouragement Award : 30 million won (approx. $21,300)

Official Website

※ The Excellence Award is given to one individual or institution across all categories in principle.

※ The Achievement Award and Encouragement Award are each awarded within every category.

Eligibility

• **Life Sciences** : Individual researchers and organizations that have contributed to advancements in adult stem cell research and cell therapy research, as well as in life sciences based on Catholic bioethics

• **Humanities and Social Sciences** : Individuals and organizations recognized for their original research contributions, papers, and publications in fields such as ethics, philosophy, sociology, law, theology, literature, and related academic disciplines informed by Catholic bioethics

• **Activities** : Individuals and organizations that have played a vital role in promoting a culture of life by safeguarding human life, providing care, and upholding the dignity of human life

Application Schedule

• Application Period

September 1, 2026 – October 31, 2026

※ Applications arriving by 17:00 on the deadline day will be accepted

※ Submitted documents will not be returned

• Announcement of Winners

Sunday, May 2, 2027

The awards ceremony will take place during Seoul WYD 2027

Contact

• The Committee for Life
(Humanities and Social Sciences & Activities)
T. 02-727-2353 E. vitavia@daum.net

• The Catholic Institute of Cell Therapy
(Life Sciences)
T. 02-3147-9540 E. cic@catholic.ac.kr

※ For details, qualifications for nominators, and submission forms, please refer to the Mystery of Life Awards official website (mysteryoflife.or.kr / 생명의신비상.com)