

What is the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize?

The Prize is awarded annually to outstanding leaders who demonstrate the willingness and capacity to address the complexity of 21st-century challenges, and whose work is global in aspiration or implication and is rooted in universal values. The world faces accelerating climate change, disruptive technology, increasing conflict and war, massive numbers of displaced people seeking safety, and the breakup of the post-war global order that framed and facilitated the great human advances of the past decades.

We made it; we broke it; and the good news is we can fix it.

We believe that great leadership **can** bend the arc of history—which is why we established the **Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize**.

What kind of leaders are needed?

- Leaders who are innovative, courageous, dynamic, ethical, and who understand global challenges require global solutions.
- Leaders who seize the moment instead of waiting for politicians to stop squabbling and act.
- Leaders who recognize that borders and barriers—whether physical or cognitive—are inimical to addressing, never mind overcoming, today’s challenges.
- Leaders who reject the lengthening list of “isms”—nationalism, exceptionalism, racism, wokeism, the list goes on—that substitute for thought today.

We believe that exceptional leadership is not bound by geography or discipline. Prize winners are honored not only for what they have already accomplished but for their commitment and capacity to continue seeking the kinds of positive change our societies demand.

In 2024, through the generous support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), we have awarded three equal prizes. Each winner is being celebrated by their peers, has received an unrestricted grant of \$50,000, and has been invited to join the Tällberg network of global leaders. Ongoing engagement with other leaders working for positive change at the global level is an integral element of the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize.

Who is eligible for the Prize?

Anyone, anywhere. Candidates are nominated through an open, online process and ultimately selected by a jury of international leaders. This year, the nomination process

began on March 15 and ended on May 15. Anyone, anywhere—except for prize jurors—may nominate candidates. Nominations are submitted through the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize website: tallberg-snf-eliasson-prize.org.

How were the winners selected?

Once the nominations had been submitted, they were reviewed, researched, and judged by Tällberg staff and a pre-jury of global leaders; the process was designed to define a pool of nominations for consideration by the full jury. The Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Jury was composed of leaders from different countries, disciplines, experiences, and backgrounds. Ultimately, they considered scores of nominations and selected three winners.

That selection process entailed successive rounds of secret balloting, which meant that all jurors had equal weight in the selection process. In effect, each year's jury has defined its own criteria, and every nominee has been judged individually.

Who are the 2024 winners?

This year's laureates were chosen from a pool of 2,025 candidates from 149 countries.

- Dr. Kristian Olson, Massachusetts General Hospital/Mass General Brigham/Harvard Medical School; USA. Internist, pediatrician, educator, and human-centered designer developing health care solutions in low and middle-income countries and the United States;
- María Teresa Ronderos, Center for Latin American Investigative Journalism (CLIP); Colombia and Argentina. Investigative journalist and champion of collaborative journalism whose deep commitment to seeking truths sustains high-quality journalism in Latin America and beyond;
- Fernando Trujillo, Fundación Omacha; Colombia. Conservationist, biologist, and global expert on river dolphins who has helped create innovative coalitions with governments, research institutions, and indigenous communities for aquatic ecosystem conservation in the Amazon basin and globally.

The laureates will be celebrated at a ceremony on January 21st, 2025, at the University of Pavia in Italy, as part of a workshop on leadership.

Why did the foundation establish the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize?

The Foundation's board believes that many societies, as well as the global system, are at or approaching inflection points. Institutions, paradigms, and societal norms are under enormous pressure to change, but old habits die hard, even if they no longer are adequate to deal with new realities. That puts great value on courageous leaders and innovative leadership.

The board of the Tällberg Foundation—with the fulsome support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)—decided our core purpose must be to identify, honor, nurture and network great global leaders. The kind of women and men who understand the challenges, who take the risks and who—above all—produce impact.

Over the past decade, we have awarded the Prize to 35 leaders from around the world.

The current form and format of the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize was established in 2015; however, the Tällberg Foundation has been recognizing principled global leadership since 2005.

How do we recognize emerging leaders?

Leaders who have more potential than track record are critical to our collective futures. We believe that the Tällberg Foundation is well-placed to identify emerging leaders because of our global network, philosophy and belief in the permeability of borders and barriers. We have an obligation to nurture such emerging leaders, people who have already accomplished much and whose future promises much, much more.

Our solution is to select emerging leaders from a pool of qualifying applications submitted to the Tällberg Leaders Mentoring Leaders (TLML) Program, established in 2023. To learn more about the program and the 2025 mentees (announced on November 26, 2024), visit <https://tallbergfoundation.org/tlml/>.

That initiative matches emerging leaders with the global leaders who populate our network, including past Prize laureates, in a focused, year-long process of conversation and collaboration designed to accelerate the development of high-potential leaders.

What is the origin of the Prize name?

In 2015, we named the Prize in honor of Jan Eliasson—Swedish diplomat, former U.N. Deputy Secretary-General, and the epitome of a global action-oriented thinker. In 2021 we added “SNF” to the Prize name to recognize the tremendous support that the Tällberg Foundation receives from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF). Under the leadership of Co-President Andreas Dracopoulos, SNF has become one of the most dynamic and innovative global philanthropic organizations—one that uses its resources and imagination to promote positive global change. We are incredibly proud of the opportunity to collaborate in that effort.

How is the Prize funded?

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is one of the world’s leading private, international philanthropic organizations, making grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. SNF funds organizations and projects worldwide that aim to achieve a broad, lasting, and positive impact for society at large, and exhibit strong leadership and sound management. The Foundation also supports projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as an effective means for serving the public welfare.

Since 1996, the Foundation has committed more than \$3.8 billion through over 5,500 grants to nonprofit organizations in more than 130 countries around the world.

Learn more at SNF.org.

Where can I find more information?

Information and nomination materials are at the Tällberg-SNF-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize website: tallberg-snf-eliasson-prize.org. In addition, contact prize@tallbergfoundation.org.