



## SciLifeLab & Journal *Science* Team up on Global Young Scientist Prize

*The Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists* was announced in June this year and is aimed at young scientists at the very start of their careers. The categories for this award are Genomics/Proteomics/Systems Biology, Developmental Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology as well as Environmental Life Science with candidates having to submit a thousand word essay that is judged by an independent editorial team organized by *Science*.

Although this is the first year, interest has been extremely high and the prize has received a high number of entries.

*"I am impressed with the amount of interest in this prize and in only a short time period – we now have a very high number of qualified submissions",* says Bill Moran, Director of Global Collaboration at Science/AAAS.

Professor Mathias Uhlén, Director for SciLifeLab comments, *"Science has never been more exciting and we need to support and encourage young researchers today and tomorrow."* Professor Uhlén continues, *"We are therefore excited for the truly tremendous response for the announcement of this new award for outstanding achievements by young scientists."*

Science for Life Laboratory (SciLifeLab), established in 2010, is based in Stockholm and Uppsala and is a joint effort between four Swedish universities and serves as a national resource for all of Sweden. The infrastructure at SciLifeLab includes state-of-the-art technologies and know-how for high-throughput molecular biosciences and has more than 200 research groups.

*Science*, the world's leading journal of original scientific research, global news and commentary, is headquartered in Washington DC. The journal was first published in 1880 by Thomas Edison and has a weekly readership of over 130,000. The journal is published by the AAAS, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science and serving society.

The total prize money of US \$35,000 will recognize the brightest and the best new ideas in science. Added to this the grand prize winning essay will be published in the journal *Science* on December 6<sup>th</sup> and the essays of the runners up will be published online in early December.

A grand prize ceremony will be held December 9th in Stockholm, Sweden with all prize winners being in attendance. Attendees will visit SciLifeLab in both Uppsala and Stockholm. *“We very much look forward to welcoming these bright young scientists to the SciLifeLab community.”* says Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, Co-Director of SciLifeLab.

For more information, please visit: [www.scilifelab.se](http://www.scilifelab.se)