

## **What is the Tällberg/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 in innovative, risk-taking, and ethical ways, and whose work is global in aspiration or implication and is rooted in universal values. Great 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.

Each year the Tällberg Foundation board determines the number of prizes to be awarded, ranging from two to four. Each prize carries a \$50,000 honorarium and engagement with the Tällberg network.

## **What is the origin of the name?**

The prize is named in honor of the former Swedish foreign minister Jan Eliasson, who for many decades was one of the most effective diplomats pursuing global peace and reconciliation in the most challenging and even hopeless situations. He served his country in its most senior diplomatic positions; he worked to resolve conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere; and he served the United Nations as President of the General Assembly and as Deputy Secretary-General. Today he is chair of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Jan embodies the kind of leadership we seek to honor with this prize. Great leaders can make a profound difference if they operate in concert with universal human values, are tireless in their efforts, innovative in their approaches, and global in their perspectives. What better model than Jan Eliasson?

## **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 2 and ended on May 14. Anyone, anywhere—except for prize jurors—may nominate.

Nominations are submitted through the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize website: [www.tallbergprize.org](http://www.tallbergprize.org).

### **How are the winners selected?**

Once the nominations are submitted, they will be reviewed, researched, and judged by Tällberg staff and a pre-jury of global leaders; the process is designed to define a pool of nominations of global leaders for consideration by the full jury. The Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Jury is composed of leaders from different countries, disciplines, experiences and backgrounds. Ultimately, they consider scores of nominations and select winners. That selection process entails successive rounds of secret balloting, which means that all jurors have equal weight in the selection process. In effect, each year's jury defines its own criteria, and every nominee is judged individually.

### **Who are the 2020 Prize winners?**

**Sylvia Earle**, one of the world's foremost oceanographers, for her thoughtful, relentless activism and pioneering research aimed at conserving the oceans for the good of the planet and of humanity.

**Jared Genser**, a human rights lawyer, for his urgency, creativity and dedication to using the law to free political prisoners, protect human rights and challenge autocracy around the world.

**Nithya Ramanathan**, an engineer and social entrepreneur, for her work to save lives through the innovative application of technology, creating and applying data-driven solutions to global challenges.

### **When are the winners celebrated?**

The awards will be presented during a virtual celebration and webinar open to the public on **December 8 and 9** that will be live streamed at **10:00 AM EST / 16.00 CET** on [www.tallbergprize.org](http://www.tallbergprize.org). The event will encompass a range of interviews, panels and performances.

### **Why did the foundation establish the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize?**

The Foundation's board believes that many societies—and, indeed, the global system itself—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 Tällberg Foundation aspires to identify, reward, and thereby promote leaders and leadership behaviors that have the potential to produce positive change in the face of significant resistance.

The current form and format of the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize was established in 2015; however, the Tällberg Foundation began recognizing principled global leadership in 2005.

### **How is the prize funded?**

The lead sponsor of the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize is the Stavros Niarchos Foundation ([www.SNF.org](http://www.SNF.org)). However, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation plays no role in the selection process.

SNF is one of the world's leading private international philanthropic organizations, making grants in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. SNF funds organizations and projects that are expected to achieve a broad, lasting, and positive impact for society at large, and exhibit strong leadership and sound management. SNF also seeks actively to support projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as an effective means for serving the public welfare. Since 1996, SNF has committed more than \$2.4 billion, through almost 4,000 grants to nonprofit organizations in 113 nations around the world—including a new SNF initiative to expand its support of the health sector in Greece with a series of infrastructure and education projects, expected to exceed \$240 million.

### **How can I find more information?**

Information and nomination materials are at the Tällberg/Eliasson Global Leadership Prize website: [www.tallbergprize.org](http://www.tallbergprize.org). In addition, contact [prize@tallbergfoundation.org](mailto:prize@tallbergfoundation.org).