Announcement for the EII Early Career prize

The [European Interferometry Initiative (Eii)](#) is an open association of institutes and laboratories willing to collaborate in exploiting and developing long-baseline optical interferometry in optical/infrared astronomy.

To continuously promote excellence in the field, the European Interferometry Initiative is happy to invite nominations for the EII Early Career Prize. The newly created prize will be awarded every two years (even years starting from 2024) by the EII Scientific Council to a young scientist (within four years after their PhD) who distinguished themselves for using optical-infrared long-baseline interferometry. Nominations are welcome from March 1st until April 15th. The nominators can be senior scientists in [EII member countries](#). Self-nominations are also accepted.

Rules

For 2024, the nominations are open starting from March 1st, and will close on April 15th. The Scientific Council of the EII will evaluate the applications, and results will be announced by May 15th. The prize consists of a diploma and the invitation to give a lecture at the next VLTI School and/or at the next VLTI Community Days. The travel for this lecture will be funded via the Fizeau Exchange Program.

The EII strives for gender balance, diversity, equity and inclusion. We especially encourage applications from under-represented communities.

Nomination material should include:

- A supporting letter from the endorser establishing the merits that led to the nomination. The endorser should be based in an EII member country (max 1 page).
- A narrative CV of the nominee (max 2 pages) highlighting: a) the scientific and professional profile and career; b) the contributions to science and society; c) the scientific production and/or selected activities.
- A statement explaining any leave of absence, if relevant (1 page maximum).

Nomination material must be submitted within the deadlines set under "Rules" via email to the EII bureau: bureau@european-interferometry.eu