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The Jacobs Foundation's mission is to foster child and youth development. The Foundation applies a strength-based conception of the development of young people, seeing them as positive resources. This conception emphasizes the possibility of successful development among all children and youth and promotes their potential for a healthy personal development. It focuses on competences and well-being of children and youth as well as on their contributions to their families, their broader communities and nations, to the quality of civic life, social cohesion, civil society, and peace. It embraces a broad range of approaches and disciplines, spanning from the psychological, cognitive, emotional, intellectual, social, vocational, academic, and economic to the physical development of young people.

The Jacobs Foundation explicitly addresses all scholarly disciplines contributing to a productive development of children and youth as described above. This includes, but is not limited to, psychology, education, economics, sociology, family studies, media studies, political sciences, linguistics, neurosciences, and medical sciences.

To this end, the Jacobs Foundation supports projects that

"...contribute to the welfare, social productivity and social inclusion of current and future generations of young people by understanding and promoting their personal development and employability, their respect for and integration with nature and culture, and the challenges faced by social, economic or technological changes."

We believe in better education, better work, better life and focus on promoting personal and professional development of future generations.

The aim of our projects is to achieve immediate, tangible results in the lives of individual young people, while at the same time affecting longterm changes in their communities. Once we have identified promising solutions, we advocate change by promoting their widespread implementation.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS 2012**

**KLAUS J. JACOBS
RESEARCH PRIZE**

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Honouring groundbreaking achievements
in child and youth development

NOMINATION PROCESS

The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize awards outstanding scientific contributions of individuals from all disciplines aiming at the improvement of young people's development and perspectives worldwide.

The prize is endowed with 1 Mio. Swiss Francs, of which 900'000 Swiss Francs are for use in a research project and 100'000 Swiss Francs are for related costs, such as travel, networking, and dissemination.

The Jacobs Foundation invites leading institutions and experts in research on children and youth worldwide to nominate candidates. **The prize will be awarded to a well-respected, outstanding researcher from a discipline dealing with or contributing to the development of children and youth. It addresses scholars from all countries who have achieved major breakthroughs in understanding child and youth development and at the same time have the potential to advance the field by actively conducting research. Self-nominations cannot be accepted.**

A Prize Jury, consisting of internationally renowned scientists will choose the laureate from the pool of nominated candidates.

The Jacobs Foundation annually bestows the Research Prize in the first week of December.

The Research Prize has been awarded for the first time on 3 December 2009 to **Professor Laurence Steinberg** of Temple University in Philadelphia (USA) for his groundbreaking contributions to the scientific investigation of the development of young people. In addition to his fundamental research on cognitive, social and emotional development during adolescence, he has published works on the psychopathology of young people, youth criminality, and on the risk-taking and decision-making behavior of young people.

The Research Prize 2010 was awarded to **Professors Terrie Moffitt** and **Avshalom Caspi** of Duke University (USA) and King's College London (UK) for their groundbreaking collaborative research, which demonstrates wide-ranging scientific contributions to the understanding of distinct and joint effects of genetic, situational and experiential influences on child and youth development, and also of their consequences for adulthood.

The Research Prize 2011 was awarded to **Professor Michael Tomasello** of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig (Germany) for his groundbreaking research on the identification of uniquely human forms of collaboration, communication and cultural learning as well as to the documentation of the crucial roles of cooperation, joint attention, discourse and other intersubjective processes in children's early cultural learning.

All documents pertaining to the nomination should be submitted to the offices of the Jacobs Foundation **by 15 March 2012**.

Incomplete nominations or documents received after this date cannot be considered.

A complete nomination consists of the following documents:

- **Completed nomination form**
- **1–2 page appraisal of the academic accomplishments of the nominee, making clear what the nominee's scientific breakthroughs have been, especially with child and youth development, why the nominee deserves the prize more than his or her talented peers, and how the nominee would bring further distinction to the Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize**
- **Full list of publications as included in nominee's CV as well as evidence of his or her scientific leadership (such as direction of a research program, scientific committee, leadership role in a scientific society, and the like)**
- **Information regarding possible future academic plans, fields of interest, and aspirations of the nominee**

A bibliometric analysis of the research performance will be an integral part of the assessment process, thus the provision of a full list of publications is crucial for a nomination to be considered.

Nominations can be submitted by mail or e-mail by 15 March 2012 at the latest to:

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An electronic version of the nomination form is available under <http://award.jacobsfoundation.org/en/call-for-nominations/>