

SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" 2025

REGULATIONS



- Art. 1. On the initiative of the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre SCK CEN, the Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO) and the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) will grant in 2025 the **SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" 2025**.
- Art. 2. The SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" is awarded to an eminent researcher in the domain of nuclear sciences and applications. The selection criteria are:
 - ✓ **Scientific quality** of the research during his/her career in **fundamental or applied aspects of nuclear sciences (see art. 3)**;
 - ✓ A proven track record of **education** in this field;
 - ✓ Potential for setting up scientific collaboration with SCK CEN (see art. 3).
- Art. 3. The research career to be awarded should include substantial and original contribution to the field of nuclear energy and/or nuclear radiation. Both **technically oriented research and socio-economic research** can be considered. Possible fields include:
 - ✓ Innovative nuclear systems
 - ✓ Sustainable nuclear waste management and decommissioning
 - ✓ Nuclear medicine
 - ✓ Safety of nuclear installations and nuclear material sciences
 - ✓ Radiation protection
 - ✓ Any other area in nuclear sciences and applications, including social sciences
- Art. 4. The recipient of the SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" will be awarded **12.500 €**.
- Art. 5. The recipient of the SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" is expected to give an **inauguration lecture** as well as a **series of lectures at graduate level** for students, SCK CEN researchers and the Belgian nuclear community in general during a scientific stay at the Research Centre in Mol, Belgium. The series of lectures will be organised in interaction with the SCK CEN Academy. All related costs will be reimbursed.
- Art. 6. Candidates for the SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" have to be **nominated by a senior scientist** who is not affiliated to SCK CEN; a letter of recommendation by the nominator is to be added to the nomination file.

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- Art. 7. The nomination file, written in English, has to be submitted on September 15, 2025 (midnight CEST) [**Extended deadline: October 27, 2025**] at the latest to the address prix@frs-fnrs.be.

The following documents are requested:

- ✓ the **nomination form**;
- ✓ a detailed **curriculum vitae**, including a complete **list of publications** of the candidate who is nominated;
- ✓ a **letter of recommendation** by the senior scientist who nominates the candidate. The nominator cannot be affiliated to SCK CEN (see art. 6).

The nomination form is available on the website www.frs-fnrs.be.

- Art. 8. The SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" is open to applicants affiliated to a recognized research institute or university from the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland on **postdoctoral level** or higher.

The SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" cannot be awarded to the same person more than once. Laureates of the previous SCK CEN Award "Roger van Geen", organised until 2015, may however be nominated for the SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen".

- Art. 9. The Chair will be granted by decision of a specific Jury appointed by the F.R.S.-FNRS and FWO, with observing representatives of the SCK CEN Scientific Council and following a positive research security appraisal by SCK CEN. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Jury can decide not to grant the Chair.
- Art. 10. Any problems or disputes arising from the eligibility of submitted applications or from granting the Chair will be settled by the F.R.S.-FNRS / FWO, whose decision in this will be final.
- Art. 11. The scientific outline, presentations and evaluation reports generated in the framework of the SCK CEN Chair "Roger Van Geen" Chair will be treated confidentially.

October 2025.

