

# Laurence Tr n Arctic Futures Award Application

## What to submit

Candidates are asked to submit the following documents via email to [events@polarfoundation.org](mailto:events@polarfoundation.org) with the subject line "2026 Laurence Tr n Arctic Futures Award application" no later than Friday, September 25th, 2026 at 11:59 PM [Hawaii-Aleutian Daylight Time](#) (UTC-9):

- A statement (max. 1000 words) describing the project, its objectives, its expected impact, the methodology the applicants use, and the means for realisation (human resources, hardware, software, etc.)
- A statement (max. 500 words) describing how the project will directly benefit the Arctic community where it will be carried out. If this benefit can be quantified in some way, it would be of benefit for your application.
- A statement (max. 200 words) describing the scalability of the project in the Arctic region or elsewhere.

If you have a business plan or any additional information or documents (photos, diagrams, etc.) that could support your application, you are welcome to include these materials in your application email as well. However, please be as precise and to the point as possible. Judges will not spend time reading a 50-page application.

Application materials should be sent by email in common file formats (Word document, PDF, jpeg, etc.). If your application will include documents in file formats not commonly used, please email the Arctic Futures Award Secretariat at [events@polarfoundation.org](mailto:events@polarfoundation.org) so we can find a solution on how best to submit documents.

All application materials must be sent in English.

## Evaluation

A jury comprised of experts in innovation and entrepreneurship will grade the applications based on the following five criteria:

- How environmentally sustainable the business is
- To what extent the business helps the Arctic community where it is based and the broader Arctic (social sustainability)
- How innovative the business idea or model is
- How mature the business is (scalability potential, cross-border expansion)
- To what extent the Laurence Tr n Arctic Futures Award will help the business

## Who is eligible?

- The business must be legally registered and have its primary operations in at least one of the Arctic regions specified below\*.
- The primary applicant (CEO / founder of the business) must be no older than 35 years of age on September 25th, 2026 - the date by which applications must be submitted to the Arctic Futures Award Secretariat.
- The project should have enough financing for realisation with the funding from the award, and any complementary funds available to them.
- The business must be a novel startup. It cannot be a subsidiary or spin-off of a larger well-established company or firm.
- Applicants from previous years who did not win the award are encouraged to re-apply.
- Previous Laurence Trân Arctic Futures Award winners are not eligible to re-apply for the award. However, previous winners may apply for the award again under a completely different project than the one for which they won the award.

If candidates have any questions, they are encouraged to email them to [events@polarfoundation.org](mailto:events@polarfoundation.org) with the subject line "Laurence Trân Arctic Futures Award questions".

Candidate applications not meeting the eligibility criteria specified on this page or submitted after the specified deadline will not be considered for the award.

We look forward to learning more about your innovative ideas!

*\*Applicants must have their business legally registered and have its primary operations in at least one of the following regions:*

- United States: the State of Alaska
- Canada: Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, Nunavut Territory, [communities in the Province of Manitoba in Census Division no 23](#), the [Nunavik region of the Province of Québec](#), and the [Nunatsiavut region of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador](#).
- Greenland
- Iceland
- Faroe Islands
- Norway: Nordland County, Troms County, Finnmark County
- Sweden: Norrbotten County, Västerbotten County, Jämtland Härjedalen County, Västernorrland County
- Finland: Lapland Region, North Ostrobothnia Region, Kainuu Region