

# Rules for participation in the 'Göde-Award for Gravitational Research'

## 1. Description

The 'Göde-Award for Gravitational Research' is an innovation prize for influencing gravity with previously unknown methods. An experiment is to be developed in which a test body weighing at least 20 g or the structure itself floats freely at a distance of at least 10 cm from a supporting surface for a period of at least 1 minute. Applicants must submit a functional project. The participant himself must prove that the experiment is exclusively a direct influence on gravity. Experiments that deviate from the immediate objective but have a clear effect on gravity (e.g. gravitational impulses) may be submitted. The committee decides, without the applicant's claim to acceptance, whether the experiment may participate unscheduled in the sense of the objective.

Levitation effects based on classical effects such as aerodynamics, magnetism or electricity are not permitted. Natural inertial phenomena such as parabolic flights, free fall, acceleration, centrifugal and Coriolis acceleration, relativistic mass increase, etc. are also not permitted.

If the experiment can be completely or partially traced back to classical physical laws, the selection committee reserves the right to exclude it. The experiment must be able to be reconstructed by the GÖDE-Stiftung and must function properly.

## 2. Selection committee and awarding of the prize

The selection committee consists of the advisory boards and employees of the GÖDE-Stiftung and other independent scientists. The awarding of the prize - 1 million euros - takes place within the framework of a public event with an exhibition of the submitted works.

## 3. Application

Registration must be made in written form on paper. Applications in the form of e-mail or fax will not be accepted. The application form can be downloaded from our website as a Word or PDF document. It must be clearly legible and completely filled out.

- Registration (completed documents), written work and personal communication must be in English or German.
- The registration and the written work (photos, measurement protocols, proof of gravitational influence, etc.) must be sent to the GÖDE-Stiftung. After submission, the pre-selection will take place.
- The experiment ready for demonstration must be set up at the GÖDE-Stiftung at any time within three weeks of being called up and demonstrated in working order. The selection committee then decides on the awarding of the prize.
- The application documents will not be returned.
- All personal data remains in the GÖDE-Stiftung and will not be passed on to third parties.
- No further additions will be accepted after receipt of the application documents. In exceptional cases, the selection committee may request an addition to the submitted work/experiment.

#### **4. Participation**

Eligible to participate are all persons regardless of profession and academic degree, without age limit and regardless of nationality. Employees of the GÖDE-Stiftung and their relatives are excluded. Only one project can be submitted per applicant/group. A group representative must be appointed for a group application.

#### **5. Copyrights**

The applicant confirms that he/she is the author of his/her work and that no third party rights exist in this work. Any claims by third parties are not transferable to the GÖDE-Stiftung. The applicant agrees on the application form of the GÖDE-Stiftung to reproduce and publish the project. Applications or parts thereof, which are protected by patent or copyright or are in the process of being approved, are accepted provided that the applicant accepts the validity of the conditions of participation and, if the applicant is not the owner of the patent or copyright, submits together with the application documents the written declaration of consent of the patent and/or copyright holder, stating that the GÖDE-Stiftung may reproduce and/or publish the project.

#### **6. Disclaimer of liability**

The GÖDE Stiftung accepts no responsibility for damage in the event of loss, theft or unintentional damage to the experimental equipment. Furthermore, the GÖDE-Stiftung assumes no liability for delay or loss of the application documents (registration), written work (e.g. in the form of correspondence) in the postal delivery or in other forms of communication.

#### **7. Law**

With the signature on the registration form and the participation in the competition, the conditions of participation and guidelines of the GÖDE-Stiftung are accepted. Legal recourse is excluded.

#### **Note: Explanation of the entry deadlines**

*The parameters were chosen in such a way that it is obvious that there is a definite influence on the gravitational effect and that these are not already known phenomena. With the prize we want to give an incentive to "make the impossible possible". We are well aware that gravitational influence in this form has never been observed before.*

*We assume that the "riddle of gravity" will not be solved in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the competition is a permanent award.*