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# 2026 TÄLLBERG-SNF GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PRIZE
# FAQs

### What is the Tällberg-SNF Global Leadership Prize?

The Prize recognizes outstanding leaders from any country or discipline whose courage, creativity, ethics, and impact demonstrate that leadership can change how the world works. We seek people who confront the complexity of 21st-century challenges, cross physical and intellectual boundaries, and understand that global problems demand global solutions.

The Prize honors not just a record of accomplishment, but also the vision and capacity to make a difference in the years ahead. We believe that great leadership can bend the arc of history.

### What kind of leaders are recognized?

We do not believe leadership belongs to any one profession, sector, or geography. We look for people who:

- Have a clear vision and a sustained record of turning ideas into meaningful results.
- Demonstrate courage, resilience, integrity, and the capacity to inspire others.
- Challenge failing assumptions or institutions, build new models, and address root causes rather than symptoms.
- Work across borders, disciplines, and differences, with impact—or implications—beyond their immediate setting. In other words, leaders who recognize that global problems demand global solutions.
- Have already accomplished much but have the potential to accomplish considerably more.

Prize winners are honored not only for what they have already accomplished but for their commitment and capacity to continue seeking the kinds of positive change our societies demand.

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**Who are the 2026 winners?**

- **Tasso Azevedo, Brazil**
  For turning data into public knowledge and collective power, allowing locally-led networks to expose deforestation, strengthen accountability, and protect the forests that are critical to humanity

- **Viviana Krsticevic, Argentina**
  For pushing the boundaries of international human rights law through strategic litigation, creative cross-border diplomacy, and persistence in the pursuit of justice for marginalized populations across Latin America

- **Vikram Patel, India**
  For combining rigorous science, creative social engineering, and deep insight into power to raise the profile of the global mental health crisis, improve and expand services, and deliver better care to millions

**How were the winners selected?**

Nominations are reviewed and researched by Tällberg staff and a pre-jury of leaders from the Foundation's international network. A global jury—drawn from different geographies, sectors, and experiences—then considers the leading candidates and selects the winners.

The jury uses successive rounds of secret balloting, with each juror having an equal vote. The process is deliberately designed to bring different perspectives to the difficult, ultimately subjective task of identifying exceptional leadership. More than 2,000 leaders were nominated for the 2026 Prize.

**How can I learn more about the 2026 Prize laureates?**

We plan to bring the laureates together for a public online conversation about leadership on December 16, 2026, and you can register here. More information about the event will be shared through the Foundation's website and communications channels.

**Why did the Foundation establish the Tällberg-SNF Global Leadership Prize?**
The Foundation's board believes that many societies—and the global system—are at or approaching inflection points. Institutions, paradigms, and societal norms are under enormous pressure to change, but old habits die hard, even when they are no longer adequate to deal with new realities. That puts great value on courageous and innovative

leadership.

With the generous support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), the Tällberg Foundation's core purpose is to identify, honor, nurture, and network great global leaders: the kind of people who understand the challenges, take the risks, and—above all—produce impact.

**How does Tällberg recognize and support emerging leaders?**

The Tällberg Foundation believes that identifying and nurturing emerging leaders is essential to our collective future. Through the Tällberg Leaders Mentoring Leaders (TLML) program, we have connected promising leaders with experienced members of our global network, including past Prize laureates, for focused mentoring, dialogue, and collaboration.

We are exploring how best to build on this experience and strengthen our support for the next generation of global leaders. Information about future initiatives and opportunities will be shared through the Tällberg Foundation's website, tallbergfoundation.org/tlml.

**What is the origin of the Prize name?**

Since the Prize was launched in 2015, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has been the lead supporter of the Tällberg Foundation's efforts to identify, honor, and nurture exceptional global leaders. The Prize carries SNF's name in recognition of this enduring partnership and our shared belief in the power of courageous, innovative, values-based leadership to drive positive change worldwide.

**How is the Prize funded?**

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is the lead supporter of the Tällberg Foundation and the Prize. SNF is one of the world's leading private, international philanthropic organizations, making grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. SNF supports organizations and projects worldwide that aim to achieve a broad, lasting, and positive impact for society at large, and exhibit strong leadership and sound management. The Foundation also supports projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as an effective means for serving the public welfare.

Since 1996, the Foundation has committed nearly $4 billion to more than 3,100 grantee-partners in over 135 countries around the world.

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**Where can I find more information?**

Visit tallberg-snf-prize.org or contact prize@tallbergfoundation.org. For news, podcasts, and events, visit tallbergfoundation.org.