



**Mauritius Research Council**

# **Nobel Prize Winners Lecture Series**

**General Information**

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# NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE LECTURE SERIES (NPLLS)

Human resources represent Mauritius most valuable asset and one of the most important factors in developing a knowledge-based economy in line with Government's vision. To be a truly global island state there is a need to be knowledgeable, visionary and innovative, and to constantly seek progress in all fields of scientific, economic and social activities. Providing a platform for top scholars from around the world to lecture in Mauritius and share their insights will stimulate the interest for knowledge. The lecture series will contribute towards the internationalization of issues of interest to the community.

## Aim

The aim of the NPLLS is to allow young and dedicated researchers to interact closely with Nobel Laureates who are internationally recognized as role models. The NPLLS will consist of lectures and presentations given by the Laureates, panel discussions, discussions in small groups, and side events such as joint dinners and lunches.

## Objectives

The objective of bringing Nobel Laureates to speak to a broad cross-section of the local community will include promoting the dissemination of knowledge, encouraging life-long learning and innovation. It will provide a platform for conveying to the University and research community the potential social benefits of scientific research and discovery.

## Programme

Nobel Laureates represent strong examples of honor and exemplary achievements through dedicated personal efforts, especially for young scientists. The programme would include –

1. one public address,
2. one University lecture-cum-discussion,
3. a meeting with officials and Heads of concerned institutions,
4. an informal seminar with postdoctoral and graduate students in the Laureate's field of specialisation.

The participating researchers and young graduates will benefit from the informal atmosphere and the direct peer-to-peer contact as a unique experience. The organisation of such an annual event is considered as instrumental to both enhancing scientific exchange and inspiring young scientists to aim at higher achievements.

The NPLLS will also allow interaction with members of the Academia and Research Institutions, educators and with the public for sharing their insights. It is considered that this annual function could become a popular intellectual event and will encourage young people to benefit from the lectures and learn from world-class scholars.

One Nobel Prize Laureate will be invited by the MRC each year for lecturing and mentoring in a specific area.

*For more details on the scheme, please contact the Mauritius Research Council.*

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