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Panel of Judges: (From left) Prof Datin Dr Khatijah, Prof Asma Ismail, Dr Norimah Yusof, Lilywati Arshad and Prof Dr Jalani.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE L'ORÉAL MALAYSIA WOMEN IN SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS

2006	2007
Munirah Sha'ban, UKM	Dr Srimala Sreekantan, USM
Dr Latifah bt. Saiful Yazan, UPM	Dr Liong Min-Tze, USM
Crystale Lim Siew Ying, UPM	Dr Huda Abdullah, UKM

Awards for three female scientists

Recipients to be announced on Oct 30

L'ORÉAL Malaysia will continue to provide financial assistance of RM20,000 each to three young female researchers to pursue their scientific project in Malaysia.

The names of this year's recipients of the L'Oréal Malaysia 'For Women in Science' National Fellowships will be announced at a ceremony to be held at Carcosa Seri Negara on Oct 30.

The financial aid was introduced in Malaysia in 2006 with the support of the Malaysian National Commission for Unesco, and in partnership with the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, and the (then) Higher Education Ministry.

In recognition of the contribution of Malaysian women in the nation's scientific progress, the awards aim to support their scientific research and highlight their significance in the field of research work done in Malaysia.

The jury panel, made up of representatives from these supporting institutions, was presided by Professor Dr. Jalani Sukaimi, FASc – Dean for the Faculty of Science & Technology of Kolej University Islam Malaysia.

The jury panel also includes Prof Asma Ismail, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research & Innovation of University Sains Malaysia; Prof Datin Paduka Dr Khatijah Yusoff, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic & International of Universiti Putra Malaysia; Dr Norimah Yusof, director for the division of Agrotechnology & Biosciences of the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Prof. Datuk Dr Ibrahim Komo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research & Innovation of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Lilywati Arshad, Scientific Manager of L'Oréal Malaysia.

An encouraging numbers of submissions were received since this third edition of the fellowships was launched in May.

The deliberation took place on Sept 16 at L'Oréal's office and the jury panel was impressed with the quality of the research proposals submitted.

It was a difficult decision for the jury panel in selecting the top three deserving candidates. The candidates were judged on their academic excellence and the feasibility of their research proposal with a high potential in contributing advances to research in Malaysia.