

Prix Marcel Dassault pour la Recherche sur les Maladies Mentales

Marcel Dassault Prize for Research in Mental Disorders

Rules and regulations 2019

Context and description

Mental health is a major public health issue because of the high frequency of chronic, costly and disabling of mental illnesses.

Mental disorders will be the leading cause of disability worldwide by 2020. It is time to support research in psychiatry to improve the prognosis of these disorders such as quality of life of patients and their families, and to reduce the burden on society.

Intensifying research efforts today is identified as the top priority to improve tomorrow's prevention, early diagnoses, and therapeutic innovation.

With the aim of stimulating research in psychiatry, the Dassault Group has decided to award an annual Prize for Research in Mental Health to support one innovative research project in the field of psychiatry.

The amount allocated to the Marcel Dassault Prize for Research in Mental Disorders is of 245.000 € (two hundred forty five thousand euros).

Eligibility criteria

Applications must fulfill all the following eligibility criteria:

- The applicant must work in a team that is member of the FondaMental Network
- The applicant is the leader of the research project submitted
- The applicant must have been awarded his/her PhD more than 5 years ago
- The applicant can apply regardless of his discipline and nationality
- The applicant must have developed an expertise in at least one of the following disorders: bipolar disorders, resistant depression, suicide behavior, resistant obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder, Asperger syndrome or high functioning autism
- The study must target one or more of the previously mentioned disorders and be developed in the field of basic, clinical or therapeutic research on biomarkers research, pathophysiology, epidemiology or medical costs studies

The FondaMental Foundation reserves the right not to select a winner if no suitable or no consistent application with the objectives of the prize and/or the missions of the foundation is received.

Award criteria

Applications will be judged according the following award criteria:

- Originality of the research project that challenges commonly-held assumptions
- Clarity and scope of objectives, methodology, experimental design and feasibility
- Appropriateness of the project team members
- Relevance of the research project to the missions of the Fondation FondaMental

Submission guidelines

Application materials must be submitted in English.

The application will be submitted as a single folder, **one PDF file**, containing the information form completed and **all the documents in the order required**.

The file has to be submitted by e-mail to: prix-projet@fondation-fondamental.org

The full application form can be downloaded at www.fondation-fondamental.org

Deadline for submission: September 6th 2019, at midnight

Selection of the winner

First phase: checking of the compliance of the applications with the eligibility criteria set out in the call for projects, rating and prioritization of the applications by the FondaMental Scientific Committee.

Second phase: recommendation for the winner nomination addressed by the International Scientific Advisory Board of the Fondation FondaMental according to evaluations and rankings of the applications by the Scientific Committee.

Third phase: approval of the winner, final decision by the Executive Committee of the Fondation FondaMental based on the recommendations addressed by the International Scientific Advisory Board.

Notification

Final funding decisions will be announced during fall 2019 by the FondaMental Executive Committee. Notification by e-mail will be sent to the candidates and to the administrative contact of the Research Institution that is provided in the information form and concerned by the project funding.

The funds are specifically dedicated to support the project and will be conveyed to the Research Institution of the winner that will be in charge of the management of this funding.

Prize winner's obligations

- To forward their written acceptance of the award within 1 month of notification of the decision
- To facilitate the interaction with his/her research institution for the implementation of the contract with the Foundation.
- To attend the award ceremony in person to collect the Prize
- To give a lecture on his/her research at the award ceremony
- To participate at the award ceremony on the second year, to make a presentation on the advancement of his/her project and explain the progress made possible by the Marcel Dassault Prize for Research in Mental Disorders.
- To submit a progress report at the request of the Fondation FondaMental or the Dassault Group
- To participate in the communication actions as requested by the Fondation

Award ceremony

The winner of the Prize is officially announced at the award ceremony that will be held at the Dassault Group headquarters in Paris and scheduled for **December 3rd 2019**.

The award will be presented by the Communication and Sponsorship Director of the Dassault Group.

Along with the Dassault Group and the Fondation FondaMental top management, many personalities will gather for an evening of celebration. A cocktail will close the ceremony.

A press conference will be organized.