

## Marcel Dassault Prize for Research in Mental Disorders

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### Rules and regulations 2020

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#### 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, Autism spectrum disorders without intellectual disability
- 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 Fondation FondaMental reserves the right not to select a winner if none of the received applications is suitable with the objectives of the prize and/or the missions of the Fondation FondaMental.

#### 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 through the online form on the web application form available on the website of the Fondation FondaMental.

**Deadline for submission: September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, 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 2020 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 Fondation FondaMental
- 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 FondaMental.

## 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 on **December 8th 2020**.

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.