

SCIENTIFIC AWARD ASTRAZENECA FOUNDATION 2023

New developments in the pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease

REGULATIONS



- Art. 1. On the initiative of AstraZeneca Foundation, the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) and the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) will grant in 2023 the **Scientific Award AstraZeneca Foundation in new developments in the pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease**, which amounts to 25.000 EURO. Half of this amount will be attributed to the laureate in person, the other half of the amount will be paid to the host lab of the laureate to further research in the domain of pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease.
- Art. 2. The **Scientific Award AstraZeneca Foundation – New developments in the pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease 2023** rewards **innovative scientific research leading to novel developments in the pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease**. It intends to reward an **established investigator** on the basis of his/her **previous work**, with a perspective of **future development** in the same field.
- Art. 3. The applicant should be active in the above mentioned field of research, with both ongoing work related to the focus of the Award and future prospects. The research outline should specify the past and ongoing work of the applicant in the field of research (description of four (4) pages at most), followed by one (1) page in which the candidate elaborates on his/her further plans to continue the research, detailing e.g. the future prospects of the obtained achievements and the results which clinical or experimental study might generate in the following three years.
- Art. 4. The Award will be granted on the basis of the recommendations of a jury of experts, appointed jointly by FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS according to the applicable rules of FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Award will not be granted. In this case, the AstraZeneca Foundation will, in close consultation with both FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS, attribute the complete amount of the Award to a scientific goal within the core business of FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS.

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- Art. 5. The Award cannot be divided amongst several researchers.
- Art. 6. The award can only be given to an individual scientist from **postdoctoral level onwards** who is **affiliated to a Belgian university or university hospital** at the deadline of the call.

Prior to the submission deadline, the applicant must have held a research position **in Belgium for at least five years** (in a consecutive or cumulated period).

The applicant must have obtained his/her first **PhD degree maximum 15 years** before the date of the submission deadline (possibly extended in case of eligible career breaks). For each continuous period of 365 days between the date of the PhD degree and the application, maximum one extension of one year of the abovementioned seniority limit may be granted, if during this period continuous periods of at least 3 months, regardless of the number, have occurred because of maternity leave, full-time parental leave, full-time sickness leave or military service/compulsory civilian service in the country of which they are citizen.

- Art. 7. Personnel of the AstraZeneca Foundation or affiliated to the AstraZeneca Foundation are not eligible for the Award.
- Art. 8. Applicants **may not have received an Award for the work submitted** with the same amount (or higher) in the last 3 years (at the deadline of the call).
- Art. 9. Applicants for the **Scientific Award AstraZeneca Foundation – New developments in the pathophysiology and treatment of auto-immune disease 2023** cannot apply for any other Award granted by the AstraZeneca Foundation in the same year.
- Art. 10. Applications have to be submitted electronically using the appropriate form at the latest on **12 June 2023 by midnight Brussels time**. The form is available on the website www.frs-fnrs.be and has to be sent by e-mail to prix@frs-fnrs.be. The form has to be completed in English.
- Art. 11. Any problems or disputes arising from the eligibility of submitted applications or from granting the Award will be settled by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO, whose decision in these respects will be final.
- Art. 12. The scientific outline, presentations and evaluation reports generated in the framework of this Scientific Award will be treated confidentially.

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