

# 54<sup>th</sup> Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

## Rules and regulations

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## I. Preamble – The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards were created in accordance with the late Mrs Griffuel's last will and testament. Through **two prizes of €200,000 each**, Fondation ARC rewards **top-class researchers** whose work has led to a **major breakthrough in cancer research**.

**These awards are divided into two distinct categories:**

- Basic research
- Translational and Clinical research

## II. Rules and regulations of the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

### 1. Prerequisite

- Applications must enroll in one of the two following categories: « Basic research » or « Translational and clinical research »
- The maximum number of researchers per application file may not exceed six.
- Each applicant must still be active in research at the time of the Call for application and must commit himself/herself to use the Award to pursue his/her scientific work.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by at least 2 internationally renowned scientists, preferably not from the same institute as the candidate's. The maximum of sponsors is set to 5.
- The application must be filled and submitted online by the candidate himself/herself, when they obtain their recommendation letters. One sponsor may support several candidates per session. **Members of Fondation ARC's Scientific Committees and Board of Directors may not be sponsors, nominees or members of nominated teams.**

## 2. Terms of Award allocation

For each of the « Basic research » and « Translational and clinical research » awards, the total amount is set at **two hundred thousand euros (€200,000)**, remitted after the Award ceremony and is divided as follows:

- **Laureate's part: fifty thousand euros (€50,000)**
- **Laboratory's part: one hundred and fifty thousand euros (€150,000)**, transferred to the managing body identified in the application. Said body must certify that it will dedicate the funds to further scientific work.

The funds dedicated to further scientific research conducted by the laureate(s) **should be used within five years** from the transfer date.

The laureate(s) agree(s) to **provide a scientific report and a financial report** detailing the use of funds, to both Fondation ARC's Scientific and Financial Departments, **at the latest 2 months after the deadline for using funds (i.e. five years after receipt of the grant)**

Should the laureate be **unable to use the grant** funds for the precise purpose for which they were intended, or should he/she retire or pass away, the **funds will be returned to Fondation ARC.**

## 3. Jury

- The Jury consists of at least 5 members, including the President
- Members of the Jury are designated by Fondation ARC's Board of Directors
- Active members of the Board of Directors and Scientific committees may not be jury members
- Jury members of the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards may not be sponsors, candidates or candidate team members
- The Jury is appointed for a one-year renewable team
- The Jury members are volunteers and receive no compensation

#### 4. Call for applications

The call for applications will be opened on the Fondation ARC dedicated online platform (<https://appelsaprojets.fondation-arc.org>). Applications sent by email will not be accepted.

#### 5. Application file

**The application has to be completed in English and must contain the following items:**

- The prize category (i.e. « Basic research » or « Translational and clinical research »)
- A resume of (each) candidate in less than 6000 characters, in PDF format.
- List of honors and awards already received by the candidate(s)
- A summary of major achievements in less than 6000 characters
- A list of 5 key words by order of relevance to the scientific work conducted
- A list of up to 20 publications of the candidate(s) related to the research on which the nomination is based, with the reference of the 3 most significant.
- A minimum of two and a maximum of five letters of recommendation signed by internationally renowned scientists, preferentially from different organizations from the candidate's. These letters should highlight the candidate's contributions which have led to a major discovery in the field of cancer research, and, in the case of several candidates, their respective contributions.
- Name and address of the research team's parent organization designated to receive the dedicated funds, according to article 2 of the present rules.

## 6. Submission to Fondation ARC

Duly completed applications must be filled and submitted online using our dedicated platform: **[www.appelaprojets.fondation-arc.org](http://www.appelaprojets.fondation-arc.org)**

**Please, note that you must respect the deadline indicated at the onset of the application procedure, i.e. September 22, 2025 at 12 p.m. (GMT+1)**

## 7. Laureates

Formal arrangements for the laureates announcement are at the Jury President's discretion, in accordance with the procedures in force at Fondation ARC. However, whenever possible, a plenum session of the jury members will take place. At such time, the President may request Fondation ARC's services.

The received applications are dispatched to the members of the Jury, according to their field of expertise for evaluation prior to the plenum session. Their assessment will take into account the quality of the candidates' work and contribution to cancer research, their publications and international recognition.

The minutes of the deliberation are approved by the President of the Jury. This record mentions the name(s) of the nominated researcher(s) or team(s) concerned. It also includes a summary of their contributions to cancer research and briefly introduces their progress in the field of oncology. It confirms the Award allocation in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.

The Jury's decision is final. The minutes shall not contain any comments justifying the classification/ranking. The decision is forwarded to Fondation ARC's Board of Directors which is responsible for formally designating the winner(s).

If the Jury believes that no nomination meets the required criteria for scientific quality and relevance to cancer, it has the right not to bestow the Award during the current year and postpone it until the following year. In such case, both Awards will be presented simultaneously. The President of the Jury will then submit a record to the Board of Directors justifying this choice in detail.

## 8. Award ceremony

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards will be awarded at an official ceremony, scheduled **in April 2026, in Paris. Presence of laureates is required.**

## 9. Provision of these regulations

Fondation ARC's Board of Directors may request an annual update of the present regulations. In the absence thereof, they are automatically renewed.

All questions or disputes not covered by these regulations shall be referred for arbitration to Fondation ARC's Board of Directors.

These regulations may be viewed on Fondation ARC's website. They are available to sponsors, nominees and to any other requesting party.