

49th Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Award

Rules and Regulations 2020

Rules and regulations of the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

Article 1: Subject and purpose

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Award was created in accordance with the late Mrs Griffuel's last will and testament.

The award is divided into two distinct categories:

- Basic Research Award;
- Translational and Clinical Award.

Through two prizes of €150,000 each, the Fondation ARC rewards researchers whose work has led to a major breakthrough in basic research or in translational and clinical research in oncology.

Article 2: Application

The maximum number of researchers per application file may not exceed six. Each applicant must be under 65 in the nomination year and still be involved in research.

Applications must enroll in one of the two following categories: Basic Research Award or Translational and Clinical Award.

All candidates must be sponsored by at least two internationally renowned scientists, preferably from sponsors not from the candidates' own institutes.

The application file can be presented either directly by the sponsors or by the candidate himself/herself, when they obtain the letters of recommendation directly from his/her sponsors. Sponsors may support several candidates per session.

Applications may be submitted by members of Fondation ARC's scientific committees as well as Fondation ARC's Board of Directors. Said members may be sponsors, but may not be nominees or members of nominated teams. The number of applications per candidate, individual or team, is limited to 5 sessions of the Award.

Article 3: Terms of Award allocation

The total amount is set at three hundred thousand Euros (€300,000) and is divided as follows:

- Basic Research Award: one hundred fifty thousand Euros (€150,000) including €50,000 exclusively remitted to the recipient(s) during the Award Ceremony;
- Translational and Clinical Award: one hundred fifty thousand Euros (€150,000) including €50,000 exclusively remitted to the recipient(s) during the Award Ceremony.

The balance will thereafter be 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, both to the Fondation ARC's Scientific Department and to its Financial Department, at the latest 2 months after the deadline for using funds.

Article 4: Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Award Jury

The Jury consists of at least 5 members, including the President.

The Jury President and other members are designated by the Fondation ARC's Board of Directors.

Active members of the Board of Directors and members of the scientific committees may not be jury members.

Jury members of the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Award may not be sponsors, candidates or candidate team members.

The jury is appointed for a one-year renewable term.
 The jury members are volunteers and receive no compensation.

Article 5: Call for applications

The call for applications occurs via Internet, e-mail or by any other means and is announced no later than four weeks prior to the deadline for applications.

Article 6: Application file

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

- Candidate(s) should mention the prize category in which s/he applies (Basic Research Award or Translational and Clinical Award);
- CV of each candidate including a list of scientific awards received by the candidate(s) in less than 2 pages
- Individual or joint letter(s) of recommendation signed by two internationally renowned scientists, indicating the reasons for nominating the candidate(s). This letter of recommendation should highlight the candidate's outstanding contributions which have led to a major discovery in the field of cancer and, in the case of several candidates, their respective contributions;
- List of 5 key words by order of relevance to the scientific work conducted;
- List of up to 20 publications of the candidate(s) related to the research on which the nomination is based;
- Upload of the 3 most significant publications;
- Name and address of the research team's parent organization designated to receive the dedicated funds, according to article 3 of the present rules.

Article 7: Submission to the Fondation ARC

Duly-completed applications must be submitted online at appelsprojets.fondation-arc.org and must respect the deadline indicated at the onset of the application procedure.

Article 8: Award laureates

Formal arrangements for the winners' announcement are at the jury President's discretion, in accordance with the procedures in force at the 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 applications received are dispatched to the jury members according to their field of expertise for evaluation prior to the plenum session. If necessary, an application may be sent out to external experts. The jury members or experts should transmit their evaluation reports before or on the day of 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 brief 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 3.

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 meet the required criteria for scientific quality and relevance to cancer, it has the right not to bestow the Award during the current year and to postpone it until the following year. In such case, both Awards will be presented simultaneously. The jury President will then submit a record to the Board of Directors justifying this choice in detail.

Article 9: Presentation ceremony

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Award will be awarded at an official ceremony. The laureate's presence is mandatory. If the Award is awarded jointly to several researchers, at least one of them must be present at the ceremony. The Fondation ARC reserves the right to disseminate information on this event by any means it deems necessary.

Article 10: Provisions 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 the 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.