
LOUIS-JEANTET PRIZE FOR MEDICINE STANDING RULES

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRIZE

The purpose of the prizes awarded by the Foundation is to encourage prize-winners to continue their research, and to make a contribution to their future work.

In no case may the prizes be regarded as a distinction in recognition of a completed body of work.

The prizes are awarded to fully active researchers whose scientific efforts are focused on biomedical research with more or less immediate practical applications for combating illnesses affecting mankind, as well as on fundamental research in the medical field.

Where appropriate, the prizes could be awarded for research on certain animal or plant diseases of sufficient importance to indirectly imperil the subsistence of a part of humanity.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS

Researchers selected as prize-winners by the jury must practise their activity in a European country that is a member of the Council of Europe.

Prizes may be awarded to all researchers meeting this condition, whatever their nationality, their university titles or qualifications.

Each of the prizes may be awarded to a team of researchers, but on the express condition that they represent a homogenous group focusing its research on the same problem and working closely together (if possible at least for the same institution, if not in the same laboratory).

Researchers to whom prizes are to be awarded need to be in a situation such that the continuation of the work they have begun in the fields defined above, the results of which may be considered as encouraging, calls for significant financial support the totality of which cannot be made available to them by the institution where they work.

Although in principle reserved for researchers working in non-profit-making institutions, under exceptional circumstances prizes may be awarded to researchers who are partially or fully employed by industrial companies, but only where the work funded by these prizes is seen as only marginally profitable or too extravagant to receive adequate funding by the employer.

In this case the employer and the researcher must make a written commitment that the research carried out thanks to the prize money will be published through the usual channels for announcing scientific results.

IMPLEMENTATION

A minimum of one prize and a maximum of three prizes are awarded each year.

There is neither order nor hierarchy between the prizes awarded and the prize-winners. Prize-winners may only use the title «Louis-Jeantet Prize for Medicine, XXXX (year)».

Each prize consists of one part destined to cover the prize-winner's future research, and a second part for his/her personal use.

Prize-winners must use that part of the prize destined to fund research for improving their laboratory equipment and installations, for salaries of assistants or technical personnel, or for any activity clearly contributing to the advancement of their research. The sum allocated should normally be used within five years after the award.

Prize-winners must be able to decide for themselves how the money placed with their host institutions is to be used. They shall provide the Foundation with a specific project (1 page) and submit a financial project (1/2 page).

Five years after the award of the prize, the prize-winners are required to provide a short report on the results of the research funded by the prize (scientific report) and how they used the prize money for the research (financial report). If all or part of the amount of the prize has not been used, the prize-winner requests for an extension of use. If the extension is granted, a yearly report should then be provided. This extension is also valid if the prize-winner is retired, providing that he pursues his research within a research institution.

The Scientific Committee has the right to make precise recommendations regarding how the prize money is to be used, and the Board of Trustees must ensure that all funds distributed are properly used according to the spirit of the Foundation. The Board of Trustees may ask the Scientific Committee Executive Team to provide reports in this context.

Should a prize-winner leave his/her host institution before the prize money has been exhausted, he/she must immediately inform the Foundation, which will then decide how the remaining sum is to be spent. In this context, the Foundation ensures that the funds are affected to encouraging and financing European biomedical research.

Should a prize-winner die before the totality of the prize-money has been used, the prize-winner's host institution must immediately inform the Foundation, which will then decide how the remaining sum is to be spent.