

# ***FRP Longevity Research Award 2025***

## ***RULES***

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### **Article 1: Subject**

La Fondation pour la Recherche en Physiologie (FRP) is a foundation dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge in the field of physiology to better prevent cardiovascular disease, Alzheimer's disease, cancer.

To meet these public health challenges, the foundation is devoting its research to the naked mole rat. Endowed with exceptional longevity, this animal is a unique model of exceptional longevity, whose genetic code is 93% identical to that of humans.

The FRP aim is to support the development of high-quality scientific research that will lead to a better understanding of aging mechanisms, a first step necessary to find solutions to prevent aging and to promote health and wellbeing of older people.

For that purpose, the **FRP Longevity Research Award** will honor a leading research team in the new and original field of physiology of ageing in long living animals.

Indeed, long living animals are of particular interest because they most likely have evolved biological mechanisms to slow down aging processes and might hold the clues for delaying human declines.

This award will be granted to eligible individuals and organizations, through a competitive, peer reviewed process.

In 2025, the Fondation pour la recherche en physiologie will award One Longevity Research Award of € 20,000

Article 6 gives the prize payment details.

### **Article 2: Applications**

**2.1.** Applications should come from a leading research group working on long lived animal models centered on the biology of ageing covering 4 main fields:

- Cancer
- Neurodegenerative diseases
- Cardiovascular and metabolic diseases
- Immunity

**2.2.** The applications may be for the work of an individual or for a group of people (uni- or multi-disciplinary teams).

**2.3.** The fondation pour la recherche en Physiologie employees are not allowed to apply.

**2.4.** The members of the jury (defined in article 3.1.) are not allowed to apply personally.

**2.5.** This exclusion does not extend to the companies, organizations or associations to which the members of the jury may belong, or to other persons belonging to these companies, organizations or associations.

**2.6.** The application file shall include:

-The application file and the principal applicant CV. The file must be written in English.

The files must be sent electronically to [mviltard@fondationphysiologie.org](mailto:mviltard@fondationphysiologie.org)

### **Article 3: Selection of the applications**

#### **3.1. Jury**

**3.1.1.** The jury's role is to consider the application files and select the winners by voting.

**3.1.2.** The jury is made up of a panel of experts, consisting of the President scientific director and 7 Members of the Scientific Advisory Board made up of CHU Professor, INSERM Director, Member of the Académie de Médecine recognized for their expertise in the fields concerned.

**3.1.2.** The jury's decisions will be made on a majority basis, on condition that at least one third of its members are present. If these conditions are not satisfied, then the jury must be reconvened.

The jury's decision will be final and without appeal.

#### **3.2. Evaluation criteria**

Selection of the award winner will be assessed according to the following criteria: candidate's qualifications, quality and quantity of published research, professional recognition and the relevance, originality, and innovation of their research project on biology of ageing or in the 4 main fields.

#### **3.3 Calendar**

The closing date for online applications is October 5 2025.

The outcome will be announced in December 2025.

The Award ceremony will be held in Paris on March, 2026.

### **Article 4: Powers and obligations incumbent upon the jury**

**4.1.** The members of the jury agree to attend the session convened to consider the application files. They will receive their invitation to attend this session not less than one month before the date of the session.

**4.2.** They agree to scrutinize all the application files and adjudicate upon their quality. They may, if necessary, take advice from third parties with expertise in the subjects concerned.

**4.3.** The jury's decisions will be made on a majority basis, on condition that at least one third of its members are present. If these conditions are not satisfied, then the jury must be reconvened.

**4.4.** The jury's decisions are final.

**4.5.** The winners must be named not later than December 20, 2025.

### **Article 6: Terms of payment**

**6.1.** The **FRP Longevity Research Award** - worth 20,000 euros - support the development of high-quality scientific research that will lead to a better understanding of aging mechanisms, a first step necessary to find solutions to prevent aging and to promote health and wellbeing of older people.

**6.2.** The total value of this award shall be paid within five months of the jury naming the winners.

## **Article 7: Ownership**

**7.1** Each winner shall retain its ownership of the work carried out.

**7.2** The winners authorize the FRP to publicize their projects and the results obtained, with the nature of the publicity media and the text subject to their prior authorization.

**7.3** The winners and the members of the jury authorize the FRP to use photographs of the award ceremony, subject to prior approval from the winners and the members of the jury of the visuals produced and of all other media.