

## **Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Award 2025**

### **REGULATIONS**

- Art. 1. Thanks to the generous patronage of a private donator, the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S.-FNRS) and the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) will grant an Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Award in 2025.
- Art. 2. This Award is intended to reward a particularly deserving researcher for an original fundamental or translational<sup>1</sup> contribution in the fields of Endocrinology, Diabetes, Metabolism or Nutrition. This research can be based on any model or experimental approach (functional, morphological, genetic, pharmacological, epidemiological) but cannot pertain to cancerous pathologies.
- Art. 3. The Award amounts to **30.000€**. Half of this amount will be allocated to the laureate personally; the other half will be attributed to the laureate's laboratory (and attached to it) to further the rewarded research.
- Art. 4. The following eligibility criteria apply to the candidates:
  - 4.1 Be affiliated to a Belgian university or university hospital and currently conduct a research project in the field of the Award
  - 4.2 Hold a PhD in a medical or biomedical field
  - 4.3 Have a scientific seniority of minimum PhD +6 years and maximum PhD +16 years at the deadline of the call<sup>2</sup>
  - 4.4 Have worked in a medical/biomedical context in Belgium at least 5 years in total, including the 3 years directly preceding the deadline of the call
  - 4.5 Not have received an Award of an amount equal or superior to 20.000€ for the work submitted in the last 3 years (prior to the deadline of the call)
  - 4.6 Previous laureates of the Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Award are not eligible
- Art. 5. The Award will be granted on basis of the recommendations of a Jury composed of international experts, appointed jointly by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO according to the applicable rules in force at the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO.

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<sup>1</sup> The translational nature of research refers to an approach that integrates fundamental and clinical issues. This type of research encompasses all steps from the research laboratory to the patients' bed, and/or from the patients' bed to the research laboratory.

<sup>2</sup> An extension of one year of the seniority limit may be granted if the research career has been interrupted between the date of the PhD degree and the application for continuous periods of at least 3 months due to maternity leave, full-time parental leave, full-time sickness leave or military service/compulsory civilian service in the country of which the researcher is citizen. Multiple extensions may be granted in so far as the interruptions do not take place within a continuous period of one year (365 days). Any requests for extension of the seniority limit will be handled by FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS, whose decision in these respects will be final.

- Art. 6. Joint applications are not allowed, and the Award cannot be divided amongst several researchers. In case of applications of equal quality, preference will be given to the candidate with less seniority. If no suitable candidate can be identified, the Award will not be granted.
- Art. 7. Applications written in English must be sent electronically, with the following documents, to the address [prix@frs-fnrs.be](mailto:prix@frs-fnrs.be) on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (Brussels time), at the latest:**
  - The application form duly completed and signed (available on the website)
  - A detailed curriculum vitae
  - A complete list of publications
- Art. 8. Any problems or disputes regarding the eligibility of an application and/or the granting of the Award will be settled in a final and binding manner by the F.R.S.-FNRS and the FWO.
- Art. 9. The scientific outlines, presentations and evaluation reports generated in the framework of the Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism Award will be treated confidentially.

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