

MARATONA DA SAÚDE AWARDS

REGULATION

(Please note: The Portuguese version of this Regulation prevails over the English version).

The Maratona da Saúde Associação (MdS) created the Maratona da Saúde Awards to promote Portuguese scientific research in different areas of biomedicine. These awards are funded through donations raised during the MdS annual television event, broadcast by RTP (Portuguese Radio and Television) and other funds obtained throughout the year with initiatives undertaken by this Association.

The Protocol between MdS and the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P. (FCT), signed in September 2014, stipulates support of FCT in the proposal of the composition of the evaluation jury as well as in receipt of applications and their submission to the MdS Awards Jury. Applications for the Awards should follow the terms and conditions of this Regulation.

1. The MdS Awards aim to distinguish the best scientific research projects, with special encouragement for applications involving partnerships between research institutions, based in Portugal, and hospitals or other national or international health institutions.
2. The awards are granted through a call for applications, announced on the FCT and MdS website pages as well as via other media channels.
3. The Awards are intended for Portuguese or foreign researchers and physicians, who have completed their PhD at least two years prior to the launch date of the call, and who wish to develop an autonomous research project, under their responsibility, at an institution based in Portugal. An extension to the period of eligibility will be granted for those applicants who have taken maternity or paternity leave between the date of completion of their PhD and the launch date of the call. For each leave period, one year extension will be granted, upon presentation of the respective birth certificate(s).
4. Founding members, members of MdS Governing bodies and members of the Jury are excluded from applying to the call.
5. Each applicant may submit only one research project, to be developed at a national institution.
6. The application should be submitted by the principal investigator.
7. Applications should be sent to premios.maratonadasaude@fct.pt, on the dates specified in the notice of the call of each edition, using the appropriate form that is available on the FCT website, together with the *curriculum vitae* of the principal investigator.
8. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline set in the notice of the call will not be considered.
9. The evaluation of proposals is carried out by a Jury proposed by the FCT, which shall include scientists of well-established international merit in the field of biomedicine.
10. After ranking of the results of the best applicants to the call, the MdS Scientific Council validates the Jury's decision and conveys it's recommendations to the MdS Board, that will take the final decision on the granting of the awards.

11. MdS is sovereign in its decisions, and no appeal will be possible.
12. MdS may decide not to grant the MdS awards, if no applications with sufficient merit for the awards are submitted.
13. The decision of MdS will be communicated in writing to all applicants.
14. The MdS Prizes will be delivered at a public session organised for that purpose, on a date to be announced.
15. The recipients of the awards should submit a summary of their work aimed to the general public, in writing to MdS, and should be available to participate in public events relating to the Awards, namely radio or television interviews, whenever requested by MdS.
16. The selected researchers and their respective host institutions should sign a term of responsibility provided by MdS.
17. Human resources, missions and participation in conferences, consultancy (up to 5% of its total funding), equipment and other running costs (library, consumables and maintenance) are eligible costs within the project implementation.
18. Acquisitions of vehicles, building costs, acquisition or amortization of property costs, acquisition of capital assets and financial or banking transaction charges, payment of fees or overheads to the host institution, are not eligible costs.
19. The scientific results obtained during the execution of the research project (publications, oral communications) are required to include mention of MdS support.
20. During implementation of the project, an interim report of the activities carried out should be sent to MdS.
21. After completion of the project, an activity report and a financial implementation report should be sent to MdS.