

MARATONA DA SAÚDE PRIZES

RESEARCH IN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES AND ALLERGIES

REGULATION

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The Maratona da Saúde Associação (MdS) has created the Maratona da Saúde Awards that aim to promote Portuguese scientific research in different areas of biomedicine. These awards are funded by donations raised during RTP's annual MdS television show and by other funds raised throughout the year in several initiatives with the public.

The Protocol between the MdS and the FCT, signed in September 2014, provides for FCT support in the application process, including the definition of the composition of the jury, as well as the procedures for receiving and submitting applications to the jury. Applications for these awards must comply with the terms and conditions of this regulation.

1. The MdS Prizes are intended to distinguish scientists who present the best scientific research projects in the area of Autoimmune Diseases and Allergies. Applications that include partnerships between research institutions based in Portugal and hospitals or other health institutions, national or foreign, are encouraged.
2. These prizes will be granted after the opening of the call, which will be advertised on the websites of FCT and MdS and also through various social media.
3. The prizes are intended for researchers and/or medical doctors, Portuguese or foreign, working in the area of Autoimmune Diseases and Allergies, in the field of Health Sciences, who have completed their PhD more than two years before the opening of the call, and that intend to develop an autonomous research project under their responsibility in an institution based in Portugal.
4. Members of the MdS's governing bodies, researchers who have already won one of the Maratona da Saúde Prizes, as well as the members of the jury, are excluded from this competition.
5. Each candidate may submit only one research project, which will be developed in a national institution.
6. Applications must be submitted by completing the application form in English, accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the responsible researcher (1 page A4), which can be accessed [here](#).
7. Applications that are incomplete, written in Portuguese or submitted after the deadline defined in the public notice will not be considered.

8. The evaluation of the applications is carried out by a jury made up of scientists of recognized international merit in the field of biomedicine.
9. After ranking the best candidates of the competition, the MdS Scientific Council ratifies the decision of the jury and informs the board of MdS, which will approve the winners according to the recommendations obtained.
10. The MdS has the final word on the winners' decision; hence no appeals will be accepted.
11. The MdS may decide not to grant these awards should it consider that the applications do not present enough merit.
12. The MdS final decision will be communicated in writing to all candidates.
13. The MdS Awards will be awarded to the winner candidates in a public session organized for this purpose, on a date to be announced.
14. The winners of the MdS Awards must send to MdS a lay summary of their proposal, and be available to participate in public events in the scope of the communication of the award, such as the public ceremony or radio and / or television interviews, when requested by the MdS.
15. Awarded researchers and their host institutions will sign a consent form to be made available by MdS.
16. The following expenses are considered eligible for project implementation: human resources, missions and participation in congresses, consultancy (up to 5% of the total financed), equipment and other expenses (bibliography, consumables and maintenance).
17. The following expenses are not eligible for project implementation: purchase of vehicles, construction, acquisition or amortization of immovable property, acquisition of capital goods and expenses with financial or banking operations, tuition fees and general expenses of the host institution.
18. The scientific results obtained during the development of the research project (publications, communications) must mention the support of the MdS.
19. A mid-term report of the research activity undertaken should be sent to the MdS half-way through the project implementation period.
20. Upon completion of the project, an activity and financial report must be sent to MdS.