

## MARATONA DA SAÚDE AWARDS FOR RARE DISEASES RESEARCH

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Following the Protocol signed between the [Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, IP](#) (FCT) and the [Maratona da Saúde Associação](#) (MdS) the call is open for the **Maratona da Saúde Awards 2021 for RARE DISEASES Research**. This Protocol 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.

The MdS Awards, which aim to promote Portuguese scientific research in different areas of biomedicine, are mainly financed by the donations raised during the MdS annual television show, broadcasted by RTP. Janssen was one of the main partners in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Maratona da Saúde, and it will associate its name to one of the awards.

### SCOPE AND RECIPIENTS

The 2021 MdS Awards will distinguish 2 scientific research projects in the area of Rare Diseases to be developed in Portugal for a maximum period of two years and starting between September and December 2021. Applications that include partnerships between research institutions based in Portugal and hospitals or other health institutions, national or foreign, are encouraged.

This call is open for researchers and/or medical doctors, Portuguese or foreign, who have completed their doctoral studies for less than ten years (Junior Category) and for more than ten years (Senior Category) at the date of the call opening.

### FINANCING

Two awards will be granted with the unit amount of € 20,000 (twenty thousand euros), one for each category (junior and senior).

### COMPETITION PERIOD

Applications must be submitted between **March 16** and **April 16, 2021 (17h, Lisbon time)**.

## EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The evaluation of the applications is carried out by a jury proposed by the FCT, made up of scientists of recognized international merit in the field of biomedicine. The process of evaluation and selection is based on the following criteria:

- Scientific merit, relevance and expected results of the proposed project;
- Scientific productivity of the researcher and his/her qualifications to carry out the project;
- Feasibility of the work program

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.

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted by completing the application form in English, accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the researcher responsible (1 page A4), which can be accessed [here](#).

## INFORMATIONS

All questions related to this call should be directed to:

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For more information please consult the [Regulation](#).