

MARATONA DA SAÚDE AWARDS RARE DISEASES RESEARCH

Regulation

Maratona da Saúde Awards

The Maratona da Saúde Associação (MdS) created the Maratona da Saúde Awards that aim to promote Portuguese scientific research in different areas of biomedicine. These awards are mainly funded by donations raised during the annual MdS television, broadcasted by RTP. In the 7th edition of Maratona da Saúde, Janssen was one of the main partners and it will associate its name to one of the awards.

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 Awards are intended to distinguish scientists who present the best scientific research projects in the area of Rare Diseases. Applications that include partnerships between research institutions based in Portugal and hospitals or other health institutions, national or foreign, are encouraged.
2. These awards 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 awards are intended for researchers and/or medical doctors, Portuguese or foreign, working in the area of Rare Diseases, in the field of Health Sciences and that intend to develop an autonomous research project under their responsibility in an institution based in Portugal.
4. The MdS Awards are subdivided in two categories, junior and senior:
 - a) Junior researcher is considered to be the candidate who has completed the PhD for less than 10 years before the date of opening of the competition. The extension of this period of eligibility may be granted to candidates who have completed maternity or paternity leave, 1 year for each child, between the completion of the PhD and the application for this award. For each license it will be granted 1 year of extension, as long as the candidates submit a declaration to the following e-mail: premios.maratonadasaude@fct.pt;
 - b) Senior researcher is considered to be the candidate who has completed the PhD for more than 10 years from the date of the opening of the competition.
5. Members of the MdS's governing bodies, researchers who have already won one of the Maratona da Saúde Awards, as well as the members of the jury, are excluded from this competition.
6. Each candidate may submit only one research project, which will be developed in a national institution.

7. 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](#).
8. Applications that are incomplete, written in Portuguese or submitted after the deadline defined in the public notice will not be considered.
9. The evaluation of the applications is carried out by a jury made up of scientists of recognized international merit in the field of biomedicine.
10. 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.
11. The MdS has the final word on the winners' decision; hence no appeals will be accepted.
12. The MdS may decide not to grant these awards should it consider that the applications do not present enough merit.
13. The MdS final decision will be communicated in writing to all candidates.
14. The MdS Awards will be awarded to the winner candidates in a public session organized for this purpose, on a date to be announced. In this edition dedicated to Rare Diseases research, one of the award will be denominated Maratona da Saúde / Janssen Award.
15. Awarded researchers must send to MdS a lay summary of their proposal, in Portuguese, 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 and / or Janssen, in the case of the Maratona da Saúde/ Janssen Award.
16. Awarded researchers and their host institutions will sign a consent form to be made available by MdS.
17. 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).
18. 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.
19. The scientific results obtained during the development of the research project (publications, communications) must mention the support of the MdS and/ or Janssen, in the case of the Maratona da Saúde/ Janssen Award.
20. A mid-term report of the research activity undertaken should be sent to the MdS halfway through the project implementation period.
21. Upon completion of the project, an activity and financial report must be sent to MdS.