

55th Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

Rules and regulations

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I. Preamble – The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards

Created in 1970, the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel are named after Léopold and Alice Griffuel, a philanthropic couple whose legacy continues to fund these distinctions. With a grant of €200,000 each, they rank among the most prestigious cancer research Awards in Europe. Each year, Fondation ARC honors internationally renowned researchers whose work has led to major advances in oncology.

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards are presented in two categories:

- Basic research
- Translational and clinical research

II. Prerequisite

- Applications must enroll in one of the two categories: “Basic research” or “Translational and clinical research”
- The maximum number of researchers per application file may not exceed six.
- Each applicant must still be active in research at the time of the Call for application and must commit himself/herself to use the Award to pursue his/her scientific work.
- Each applicant must be sponsored by at least 2 and maximum 5 internationally renowned scientists, preferably not from the same institute as the candidates.
- One sponsor may support several candidates per session. Members of Fondation ARC’s Scientific Committees and Board of Directors may not be sponsors, nominees or members of nominated teams
- The application must be filled out and submitted online by the candidate himself/herself.

III. Terms of Award allocation

For each of the « Basic research » and « Translational and clinical research » Awards, the total amount is set at two hundred thousand euros (€200,000), remitted after the Award ceremony and divided as follows:

- Laureate's part: fifty thousand euros (€50,000)
- Laboratory part: one hundred and fifty thousand euros (€150,000), transferred to the managing body identified in the application. Said body must certify that it will dedicate the funds to further scientific work.

The funds dedicated to further scientific research conducted by the laureate(s) should be used within five years from the transfer date. The laureate agrees to provide a scientific and financial report detailing the use of funds, to both Fondation ARC's Scientific and Financial Departments, at the latest 2 months after the deadline for using funds (i.e. five years after receipt of the grant)

Should the laureate be unable to use the grant funds for the precise purpose for which they were intended, or should he/she retire or pass away, the funds will be returned to Fondation ARC.

IV. Jury

- The Jury is chaired by a President and a Vice-President, whose areas of expertise complement each other to cover the two Awards categories (i.e. "basic research" and "translational and clinical research").
- The Jury consists of at least 5 members, including the President and the Vice-President
- The President of the Jury is appointed by the Fondation ARC's Board of Directors, to whom he/she then proposes the Vice-President and other members of the Jury.
- Active members of the Board of Directors and Scientific committees may not be jury members
- Jury members of the Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards may not be sponsors, candidates or candidate team members
- The Jury is appointed for a one-year renewable team
- Jury members are volunteers and receive no compensation

V. Application file

The application must be completed in English and contains the following items:

- The Award category (i.e. Basic research » or « Translational and clinical research)
- A resume of (each) candidate in less than 6000 characters, in PDF format
- List of honors and awards already received by the candidate(s)
- A summary of major achievements in less than 6000 characters
- A list of 5 key words by order of relevance to the scientific work conducted
- A list of up to 20 publications of the candidate(s) related to the research on which the nomination is based, with the reference of the 3 most significant.
- A minimum of two and a maximum of five letters of recommendation signed by internationally renowned scientists, preferentially from different organizations from the candidates. These letters should highlight the candidate's contributions which have led to a major discovery in the field of cancer research, and, in the case of several candidates, their respective contributions.

VI. Submission to Fondation ARC

Duly completed applications must be filled in and submitted online using our dedicated platform (www.appelaprojets.fondation-arc.org). Applications sent by email will not be accepted.

Please note that you must respect the deadline indicated at the onset of the application procedure, i.e. September 21, 2026, at 12 p.m. (GMT+1)

VII. Laureates

Formal arrangements for the laureate's designation are at the Jury President discretion, in accordance with the procedures in force at Fondation ARC. If possible, the deliberation meeting is held in person with the members of the Jury.

Eligible applications are dispatched to the members of the Jury according to their field of expertise, for evaluation prior to the deliberation meeting. Their assessment will consider the quality of the candidates' work and contribution to cancer research, their publications and international recognition.

For each category (i.e. "basic research" and "translational and clinical research"), the Jury must select only one laureate: the Award cannot be shared, except in the case of a joint application by several candidates.

If the Jury is unable to reach a consensus on the designation of a laureate, the President may decide to hold a vote, using the method deemed most appropriate (show of hands or secret ballot). In the event of a tie, the President's vote counts twice.

The minutes of the deliberation are approved by the President of the Jury. This record mentions the name(s) of the nominated researcher(s) or team(s) concerned. It also includes a summary of their contributions to cancer research and briefly introduces their progress in the field of oncology. It confirms the Award allocation in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.

The Jury's decision is final and forwarded to Fondation ARC's Board of Directors, which is responsible for formally designating the winner(s).

VIII. Award ceremony

The Fondation ARC Léopold Griffuel Awards will be awarded at an official ceremony, scheduled in April 2027, in Paris. Presence of laureates is required.

IX. Provision of these regulations

Fondation ARC's Board of Directors may request an annual update of the present regulations. In the absence thereof, they are automatically renewed.

All questions or disputes not covered by these regulations shall be referred for arbitration to Fondation ARC's Board of Directors.

These regulations may be viewed on Fondation ARC's website. They are available to sponsors, nominees and to any other requesting party.