



FPA SCIENTIFIC GRAND PRIZE

2019 POLICIES & GUIDELINES

The Fondation Pour l'Audition, hereinafter referred to as "FPA", supports scientific research in Hearing Sciences with the ultimate goal of improving hearing health using two means, a call for research proposals and scientific prizes. FPA is committed to support excellence in Hearing Sciences by awarding scientific prizes, such as the FPA Scientific Grand Prize (hereinafter referred to as "the Prize").

ARTICLE I. Objective

The FPA Scientific Grand Prize is awarded annually to an investigator in recognition of the excellence and impact of his/her work in Hearing Sciences. The Prize will honor major research discoveries, either clinical or basic, in the field of Hearing research. Translational research is encouraged.

ARTICLE II. Eligibility

The Prize is open to investigators holding a faculty position as either M.D., Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. and still active in research/practice (Emeritus status not eligible).

Previous laureates of the FPA Scientific Grand Prize are not allowed to reapply for the Prize. Current and past members of the FPA Board of Directors are ineligible. Also, current members of the FPA Scientific Committee are ineligible.

ARTICLE III. Overall process timetable



ARTICLE IV. Nomination process

Nominations to the Prize may only be submitted by a peer. Self-nominations are excluded. Members of the FPA Scientific Committee cannot submit nominations.

4.1 Required documents

In order to nominate a candidate, a peer will need to:

- fill out the nomination form,

- provide the CV (documenting the candidate's academic records, professional experience, distinctions and awards, main lectures/presentations) and the full list of publications of the candidate,
- gather three letters of support (including one from the nominator).

All the documents must be submitted in English *ONLY*.

4.2 Electronic submission

The documents (5 MB max) must be submitted electronically as PDF files through the e-submission portal at <http://www.fondationpourlaudition.org/?p=2522> by April 25, 2019 at 5 PM (French time). No supplementary material other than the documents requested are accepted.

4.3 General considerations

Incomplete applications or applications not complying with the FPA policies will be administratively rejected. Any misleading or false statements will render the application null and void. Late applications will not be accepted.

4.4 Acknowledgment of receipt

Upon receipt of the electronic application by FPA, the nominator will receive an acknowledgment of receipt to the e-mail address provided in the nomination form.

ARTICLE V. Peer-review process

The FPA policies are intended to ensure that all nominations are evaluated on a fair and timely process, free of bias.

5.1 Admissibility and review process

FPA verifies the admissibility of nominations and compliance with the present FPA policies.

Compliant nominations will be evaluated by an ad hoc selection committee composed of experts in Hearing Sciences external to the FPA Scientific Committee. Once the ad hoc selection committee has completed its selection of candidates, the FPA Scientific Committee will select the laureate of the Prize as the one reaching the absolute majority of votes from the FPA Scientific Committee¹. In the event of a tie, the chair of the FPA Scientific Committee will have the casting vote.

5.2 Evaluation criteria

Nominations will be evaluated using the following evaluation criteria:

- The quality of the candidate and his/her recognition within the research community
- The expertise, past experiences and achievements of the candidate
- The originality, quality and excellence of the candidate's research work
- The impact of the candidate's research on hearing health

The ad hoc selection committee, as well as the FPA Scientific Committee, are sovereign in their deliberations, which are confidential and not subject to any appeal in any way by the nominator, his/her institution or the candidate.

If the quality of the nominations does not meet the FPA requirements, the FPA Scientific Committee is free to dismiss all the applications and not award any Prize.

The award recipient proposed by the FPA Scientific Committee is subjected to the approval of the FPA Board of Directors.

5.3 Breach of review

Candidates, nominators, as well as their institution's representatives, may not contact any member of the ad hoc selection committee and FPA Scientific Committee regarding their application during the review process.

¹ [Click here for the composition of the FPA Scientific Committee](#)

Failure to comply with this policy will create serious breaches of confidentiality and conflicts of interest in the peer review process that will lead to the administrative rejection of the nomination.

Members of the ad hoc selection committee and FPA Scientific Committee are required to notify FPA if they are contacted by an applicant.

ARTICLE VI. Award considerations

6.1 Prize amount

The amount of the Prize is set to one hundred thousand euros (100,000 €) and qualifies as personal money (subject to tax regulation). The corresponding wire transfer will be made a week after the award ceremony to the laureate's bank account.

If the laureate would like to fund his/her lab with part of the award or the whole award, FPA may set up a grant agreement with the laureate's institution.

6.2 Prize conditions

The Prize will be awarded to the laureate subjected to:

- the signature of the FPA Charter of Commitments by the laureate
- the presence of the laureate at the award ceremony on November 14, 2019 in Paris, France², and
- one public lecture in France on November 14, 2019 that will be videotaped and used in FPA media².

ARTICLE VII. Suspension, cancellation or adjournment of the call for nominations

If circumstances require it or for reasons beyond its control, FPA reserves the right to modify the present policies or to suspend, cancel or adjourn the organization of the 2019 call for nominations of the FPA Scientific Grand Prize without affecting its liability. Also, the prize competition will be cancelled in case only one nomination is received. However, the Prize may no longer be cancelled after the plenary meeting of the FPA Scientific Committee held to select the laureate, unless the FPA Scientific Committee is unable to get to the Prize ceremony due to unforeseen circumstances.

ARTICLE VIII. Key dates

Launch of the call	Mid-March 2019
Nomination deadline	April 25, 2019
Ad hoc committee meeting	Mid-May 2019
Scientific Committee meeting	June 6, 2019
Meeting of the Board of Directors	June 2019
Prize notification	July 2019
Award ceremony / Keynote lecture	November 14, 2019

ARTICLE IX. Support

For assistance, contact the FPA Chief Scientific Officer at: FONDATION POUR L'AUDITION - 13, rue Moreau - 75012 Paris, France - e-mail: research@pourlaudition.org

² Costs related to the travel and accommodation of the laureate will be covered by FPA