Call for candidacies

The scientific Prizes of the Queen Elisabeth Medical Foundation (Q.E.M.F.).
The FMRE scientific prizes are awarded based on publications and are intended to recognize the candidate's scientific research in neuroscience.
The laureate must be affiliated with a Belgian university at the time of submission. This prize is not awarded to the researcher individually, but rather to the research team that led/coordinated the research and is affiliated with a Belgian university.

Viscountess Valine de Spoelberch Prize 2027
Fund Ernest Solvay prize 2027
CBC Bank prize 2027
Marc Hurard prize 2027

Call for candidacies based on publications for the awarding of the Q.E.M.F. scientific prizes 2027
in the field of neuroscience or disorders of the nervous system.

Additional guidelines

Art. 1: The candidacies

a. The candidacies:
   - are evaluated based on their publications during the period from **January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026:** the final acceptance date of the publication as first author or last author is decisive
   - one (1) publication per candidate proposed by that candidate as his or her main contribution
   - one (1) candidate per university research unit or university hospital research unit
   - without age limit but who have presented their PhD thesis less than ten (10) years before the call date, so from November 15, 2015

b. The head of the laboratory or research unit:
   - must submit a letter of support from this supervisor attesting that the candidate holds an affiliation or an appointment (provisional or permanent) at a Belgian university (or a Belgian university clinical or hospital department)
   - must confirm the decisive contribution of the candidate from his laboratory or unit
   - must confirm that the work has not been funded by any pharmaceutical or commercial industry.

Art. 2: Submitting of the candidacies

The candidacies are:

a. to be submitted to the Scientific Director of the Q.E.M.F. not later than **January 15, 2027 at 24 hr. (midnight)**: Prof. em. dr. Jean-Marie Maloteaux.
b. to be drawn up in English consisting of:
   - a Curriculum Vitae (identification, education, career, and scientific research)
   - the exact date of the PhD thesis acceptance

- a summary, or abstract of the published article, limited to half an A4 page of the publication (Abstract & keywords)
- the final acceptance date of the publication
- the PDF of the publication
- the location of the performance (Belgian laboratory or university hospital)
- the written confirmation from the head of the laboratory or the department concerned (see Art 1b)
- the impact factor (IF) and the factor Q of the scientific journal in which the publication was published
- the H-index of the candidate stating the source (web of science)
- confirmation that the candidate has not received a prize from the Q.E.M.F. after 15 november **2021**.

c. to send:
   - by e-mail to fmre.gske@skynet.be with an attached PDF document of maximum 10 MB or by WeTransfer with the application.

d. The date of sending of the email is the date of receipt of the application. A confirmation of receipt will be sent.

Art. 3: The admissibility of the candidacies

a. Administrative admissibility is assessed by the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat. This concerns all points in Article 2b.
b. The scientific admissibility regarding the theme is evaluated by the Scientific Committee.

Art. 4: The result of the evaluations

a. The deliberation will take place in early March 2027.
b. The final decisions and official awarding of the Prizes are the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Q.E.M.F. There is no appeal against their decisions.
c. Feedback: Candidates whose publications are inadmissible or not selected will be informed by letter from the Director of the Scientific Committee.

Art. 5: The amounts of the prizes awarded

a. will be transferred after the award ceremony to a bank account of the university or clinic to which the researcher is affiliated,
b. remain at the disposal of the laboratory where the research was carried out if the laureate leaves,
c. can cover personnel, material investment or operating costs.

Art. 6: The follow-up

A detailed expenditure overview can be requested by the donor.