

Rules for the Michel Dumas Award 2017

Art. 1 Definition of the Award

The company Sanofi-Aventis Groupe, whose registered office is located at 54 rue la Boétie – 75008 Paris, registered with the Paris Trade and Companies Register under number 403 335 938 (hereinafter referred to as “**SAG**”), in collaboration with Université de Limoges [Limoges University], domiciled at the Université de Limoges Central Services, 33 rue François Mitterrand, 87100 Limoges (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Organisers**”) organising an award called the “Michel Dumas Award 2017” for physicians and other professionals working in the area of health in developing countries (hereinafter referred to as the “Award”).

Art. 2 Ways of applying for the Award

2.1 Applying for the Award is free.

Applying for the Award is reserved exclusively for any adult private individual who is younger than forty (40) years, a physician or other professional, working in the area of health in a Southern country and who is fully authorised to participate in this Award without regulatory or administrative restrictions (hereinafter referred to as the Candidate(s)).

2.2 Candidates must present a project, in French or in English, on the following topic:

“Improvement of access to care for people with epilepsy in developing countries”

2.3 To participate in the Award, the Candidate must send by e-mail to Professor Pierre-Marie Preux <ient@unilim.fr>, at the latest on 31 December 2017, a complete application file including the listed information below, duly completed, in Word format, for his/her application to be selected:

- A covering letter;
- The Candidate’s contact details: Surname, First name, postal address, e-mail address, telephone;
- A curriculum vitae;
- A letter from the person in charge of the institutional structure in which or with which the Project is to be implemented;
- The title and the summary of the Project (such as defined below) defining the objectives pursued on the Topic (such as defined below);
- A presentation of the issue, protocols, and essential references about the Topic, using a maximum of ten (10) pages, in French or in English;
- The detailed provisional budget and the potential and/or obtained joint financing.
- Other potential attributions or requests for awards, prizes, etc., concerning the same research period
- Provisional timetable for the research programme

It is specified that any application file such as described above received after the date of 31 December 2017 and/or incomplete will not be taken into consideration by Université de Limoges and SAG.

2.4 The Candidates are informed that the viability of the Award depends on the quality of the projects and the work provided. Therefore, in the case of an insufficient number of Candidates (less than three), or if the quality of the work does not comply with the expectations of the Organisers, the Organisers reserve the right to cancel the Award without notice.

Art. 3 Selection of the winner of the Michel Dumas Award and awarding the Prize

The selection of the Michel Dumas Award winner (hereinafter referred to as the “Winner”) and the awarding of the prize (hereinafter referred to as the “Prize”) will take place in two (2) stages.

3.1 Stage 1: selecting the Winner

- Starting from 1 January 2018, a jury (hereinafter referred to as the “Jury”) shall proceed with the examination of the Projects.

It will be comprised of:

- Professor Pierre-Marie Preux, IENT, INSERM
- Professor Michel Dumas, IENT, INSERM
- Professor Dismand Houinato, Université de Cotonou [Cotonou University], Benin
- Professor Athanase Millogo, University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- Doctor Karamoko Nimaga, Dinandougou, Mali
- Mister Pierre-Emile Bruand, SAG

The Jury may ask each Candidate questions by e-mail with regard to the Project proposed, while ensuring that the Candidate has at least one calendar week to answer.

- At the end of the examination of the projects, the Jury will deliberate in January 2018 and select the best Project: the Winner will be the author of the Project selected and will be informed by e-mail with acknowledgement of receipt by the Jury Chairman.

3.2 Stage 2: awarding of the Award Prize and follow-up of the Winner’s Project

The Award is an allocation of fifteen thousand euros (€15,000), exclusively intended for the completion of the Winner’s Project over eighteen (18) months.

If the Jury deems that no Project deserves to be awarded the Prize, the Jury is then free not to designate any Winner and not to award the Prize. In this hypothesis, the Award will be terminated.

- The Award prize will be paid by Université de Limoges to the Winner, via the signing of a research agreement with Université de Limoges and covering the completion of the Project.

The Award prize is awarded to enable the Winner to implement his/her project and should not in any case be used for other purposes.

If the quality of the Winner requires it, the awarding of the Award will be subject to a declaration document signed between SAG, Université de Limoges, and the Winner; the latter, in the case where he/she would be registered at the Association and subject to the provisions in article L.4113-9 (or equivalent) of the French Public Health Code, will send this document to the Association’s Departmental Board that he/she is associated with, in application of this article.

- The Winner undertakes, furthermore, to create a Powerpoint presentation as regards the implementation of his/her Project, with a duration of fifteen (15) minutes during the IMPACT Forum.
- The Winner also undertakes that he/she will release his/her image rights as part of the Michael Dumas Award 2017.

Two weeks before the public presentation of his/her Project during the IMPACT Forum, the Winner undertakes that he/she will submit the Powerpoint material from his/her presentation to the Organisers, so that the latter can ensure the scientific quality of the presentation and of compliance with the applicable rules and SAG’s visual graphics charter.

Art. 4 Financial coverage by Université de Limoges

It is understood that there will be no reimbursement of any expenses of any kind by SAG directly to one or several Candidates and no other expenses will be reimbursed by UNIVERSITÉ DE LIMOGES.

Art. 5 Responsibilities

The Candidates undertake to comply with these rules. Participation in the Award requires the unconditional acceptance of the provisions of these rules.

The Winner assures the Organisers that he/she has all the administrative and regulatory authorisations to participate in the Award and to complete his/her Project. It is understood that the Organisers are subject to French laws and regulations and may not under any circumstances declare themselves, instead and in place of the Candidates – and even more so of the Winner, as being authorised to participate in the Award and complete the Project. If an administrative and/or regulatory difficulty were to limit the participation of one or several Candidates or the completion of the Project by the Winner, the Organisers reserve the right to eliminate the Application(s) concerned, terminate the Award, and/or any other measure.

Any differences that may arise from the application or from the interpretation of these rules will be settled by the Organisers.

The Organisers' cannot be held responsible for reasons beyond their control (unforeseeable circumstances or force majeure) or for any other event that would make the implementation of the Award impossible under the conditions initially anticipated, particularly in the case where it would be partially or completely modified, postponed, or cancelled.

SAG and UNIVERSITÉ DE LIMOGES expressly reserve the right to modify, postpone, or cancel the Rules, the Award, or the awarding of the Prize at any time and for any cause whatsoever, without any Candidate or Winner claiming any compensation.

Art. 6 Personal Data

6.1 The entry, collection, and processing of a Candidate's personal data, such as in particular last name, first name, date of birth, private postal address or e-mail, land-line and/or mobile number (hereinafter referred to as "Personal Data") are required for the good management of the application files.

6.2 Any Personal Data sent to SAG during the implementation of the Award are considered to be strictly confidential. These will be used and/or published exclusively within the context of carrying out the Award and the provisions for authorising the release of image rights and intellectual property rights duly completed by the Candidates.

6.3 Personal Data will be stored for a maximum duration of five (5) years. Beyond this duration, they will no longer be stored and will not be used for any purpose, regardless of its nature.

6.4 In compliance with the "French Data Protection Act" dated 6 January 1978, amended in 2004, the Candidates benefit from a right to access and correct information that concerns them, which they can exercise by sending an e-mail to Université de Limoges: UMR1094 Inserm "Neuroépidémiologie Tropicale (NET, Tropical Neuroepidemiology)", located at 2 rue du Dr Marcland, 87025 Limoges or by e-mail at the following address <ient@unilim.fr>.

Art. 7 Communications and publications

Any communication or publication of the Winner as regards the Project, carried out before and/or after the public presentation of his/her Project during the IMPACT Forum, must be submitted to the Organisers for their information and must mention: "Project financed by the Michel Dumas Award, co-organised by Sanofi and Université de Limoges.

Art. 8 Posting and consultation of the rules

The Rules will be displayed in the rooms of Université de Limoges and in UMR (*unité mixte de recherche* [joint research unit]) 1094 Inserm “ Neuroépidémiologie Tropicale (NET)” and available for free from Professor Pierre-Marie PREUX, Director of Institut d’Epidémiologie et de Neurologie Tropicale.

Art. 9 Applicable law – Settling of disputes

9.1 This Agreement is governed and interpreted in compliance with the provisions of French law.

9.2 Any dispute arising from the interpretation or the execution of the Agreement will be, failing an amicable solution accepted by the parties within a time period of fifteen (15) business days starting from the notification of the first party to take action, subject to the jurisdiction of the Parisian Courts.