



20'10 PRÉMIO CRIOESTAMINAL

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ART. 1

The Associação Viver a Ciência (VAC) established the Crioestaminal Award for Biomedical Research, which aims to promote science research performed in Portugal, stimulating quality and international competitiveness. The Crioestaminal company funds this award that must respect the terms and conditions stated in the present guidelines.

ART. 2

The Crioestaminal award for biomedical research aims to distinguish the best basic science research project in the area of the biomedical sciences, to be developed in research institutions located in Portugal.

ART. 3º

The prize money may not be split and it corresponds to 20 000 Euros.

ART. 4º

VAC assumes the responsibility to communicate this award in its website, to its associates and to national research institutions in the area of the biomedical sciences. VAC will also communicate the Crioestaminal Award to the media or in any other locations considered appropriate.

ART. 5º

The Crioestaminal Award is aimed at Portuguese and foreign researchers, who have completed their PhD between 2000 and 2007, and who present an independent research project on their own responsibility in a Portuguese institution. The extension of this period may be conceded to applicants that have been in maternity/paternity leave between the end of their PhD and the date of the application to this Award. For each Maternity/Paternity leave the candidate can benefit of an extra year of extension,

being required to present the child(s) birth certificate.

The VAC founder associates and members of the board as well as the members of the jury cannot apply to the Award.

Candidates pretending to develop their project in the laboratories run by VAC founder associates, members of the board or jury members are also excluded from this contest.

ART. 6

Each candidate may apply with only one research project that must be developed in a Portuguese institution for a maximum period of 2 years.

The application must be submitted by the responsible investigator and by the correspondent institution.

The application to the Crioestaminal Award is free of charge for VAC associates with their annual fees regularized. In other cases, applicants may either become associates of the Associação Viver a Ciência or pay a registration fee of 20 Euros.

ART. 7

The application consists of the following steps:

1. Online filling of the application form that can be found at the "Prizes" section of the Associação Viver a Ciência website (www.viveraciencia.org).

2. Sending a **single** pdf document containing a motivation letter, the work plan and the curriculum vitae to premios@viveraciencia.org "Prémio Crioestaminal 2010" on the subject.

The title of the pdf document should consist of the first and the last name of the applicant and texts must be written in English and respect the following guidelines:

- **Curriculum Vitae** of the project's principal investigator (Maximum: 3 pages- A4).
- **Work plan** including a one page description of the technical and logistic conditions available at the host institution for the development of the project (Maximum: 6 pages - A4)
- **Motivation letter** defending the originality, interest and relevance of the project for science development in the area (Maximum: 1 page- A4).

3. Sending by post the Declaration of Acceptance and the Term of Responsibility signed by both the candidate and the host institution

4. If the candidate is not a VAC associate with his/her annual fees regularised, then he/she should send by post the following documents:

- Proof of payment of the fee of the new associate
or
- A cheque of 20 Euros passed to Associação Viver a Ciência. to pay the registration fee.

The documents must be sent to:

Prémio Crioestaminal
Associação Viver a Ciência
Av. da República nº34 1º
1050-193 Lisboa

ART. 8º

The applications to the Crioestaminal Award 2010 must be submitted until the 10th of May 2010 at 12h (noon).

ART. 9º

An international jury consisting of at least five elements chosen by VAC will evaluate the applications received.

The jury members assure the secrecy of the candidate projects.

ART. 10º

The jury decisions will consist on the majority and no appeals will take place.

The jury may decide not to attribute the Award if they consider that quality of the research projects is not good enough for receiving this prize. In this case, the VAC will propose the Crioestaminal an alternative way to use the prize money.

The members of the jury will resolve any omissions in the present guidelines.

ART. 11º

The results will be communicated to all candidates by e-mail.

ART. 12º

The prize delivery ceremony, organized by the VAC, will take place in November 2010 in a place still to be chosen.

ART. 13º

The scientific results obtained during the development of the research project (publications or communications) must mention the Associação Viver a Ciência and the Crioestaminal support.

ART. 14º

At the end of the two years of the project development an activity and financial report must be sent to the Associação Viver a Ciência, which will be made available to the Crioestaminal.

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