

## SCIENCE AWARDS FOR ALLERGY:

### Call for applications

#### GUIDELINES 2025

These guidelines provide information for candidates and reviewers for the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards for Allergy. This guide may be used as a reference by candidates and reviewers.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The complexity of allergic diseases is tremendous. Worldwide, the increased prevalence of allergic diseases has been a continuing trend in the industrialised world for more than 50 years<sup>1</sup>. Today, they affect an estimated 10 to 30% of the population. It is expected that by 2050, they will affect up to 4 billion people across the globe<sup>2</sup>.

Allergic diseases thus impose a considerable burden on patients, health systems and society. Their management comes with specific challenges, among which the great diversity of allergies and hence patient profiles, which are uniquely shaped by multiple factors (e.g., environmental exposures, family history, behaviors, etc.).

We are now at a tipping point in the history of allergy care. In an era of better understanding of molecular mechanisms of allergic diseases, combined with new and tailored approaches to manage patients, the development of new tools and innovative methods is expected to advance allergy care. To harness these opportunities and make scientific and technological innovation accessible to every patient with allergies, we need to continue our efforts to understand the factors involved in the development of these diseases and design personalised approaches to meet the needs of each patient and their families.

In the future, we expect each patient to benefit from a safe and efficient treatment, that is adapted to his sensitization profile, clinical features and preferences. This requires developing the right treatment for the right patient, but also working with patients to better understand their needs and preferences.

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<sup>1</sup> AAAAI. Allergy Statistics [Last accessed on April 2023]. Available at: <https://www.aaaai.org/About/News/For-Media/Allergy-Statistics>

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization. Ambient Air Pollution: Health Impacts [Last accessed on April 2023].

We strongly believe in the key role science and innovation have to play and thus developed the **Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards for Allergy** to encourage and support outstanding work and innovation in the field of allergy care, or any initiatives towards patients to advance the prevention, treatment and management of allergies, and therefore to create healthier futures for all.

**The Call for Applications of the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards for Allergy will open January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and will end at 11:59pm (Central European Time - CET) on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

## II. PURPOSE AND FOCUS

The **Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards** aim to support talented and highly engaged scientists, medical doctors and organisations in the field of allergy, whose work contribute to improve lives of people with allergy:

They are divided into 2 categories:

- **“Innovation in Allergy Treatment Award”** to encourage and support cutting-edge and innovative research in allergy, with clinical relevance
- **“Patient Commitment Award”** to support approaches aiming at integrating the perspectives of patients and families living with allergy, hence fostering knowledge of the disease and its treatments, developing understanding of patients’ diverse unmet needs and improving allergy care for all. The work should contribute to better understanding, prevention and treatment of respiratory or food allergic diseases and must fall within the scope of the awards focus (outstanding contributions to the allergy field, innovative care and patient-centered initiatives) and have led to rigorous, innovative and practical results.

### **Focus: Innovation in Allergy Treatment Award**

The purpose of the Innovation in Allergy Treatment Award is to encourage and support cutting-edge and remarkable care approaches to improve the health of allergic patients. The award intends to support the project of a researcher, medical doctor, or scientist, with practical outcomes and applications, as well as develop knowledge on allergy treatments and inspire junior researchers and clinicians. The award is thus expected to facilitate the implementation of innovative approaches in allergy care (e.g. tailoring treatment of allergy to each patient, integrating multi-dimensional data into clinical decisions, fostering development of new treatments for allergy, etc.) particularly in the areas of prevention, interventions and research.

**Examples of associated keywords:** proof of concept study, *respiratory and food allergy, treatment, prevention, diagnosis, prediction, multi-dimensional, patient-tailored approach, medication options, therapeutic strategy, protocols, clinical studies, patient outcomes, treatment effectiveness, safety, innovation, biomarkers, combination therapies, etc.*

### **Focus: Patient Commitment Award**

The Patient Commitment Award focuses on collaborative initiatives centered on allergic patients and those in their support network, with the aim of gaining a better understanding of their experiences and needs, driving research to be relevant and

beneficial to patients with allergic diseases and incorporating these perspectives into a comprehensive approach to allergy care. Initiatives may include, but are not limited to:

- Address the impact of climate change and environmental factors on allergic conditions, promoting actions that support better allergy management,
- Focus on the role of people in managing their own health and develop better health care in partnership with health care providers,
- Encourage patients, families and caregivers to become knowledgeable and actively participate in their health and health care,
- Participate in integrating the patient voice in their research (i.e. encourage research projects to be completed in collaboration with patients and the public).

The grant aims to support organisations or initiatives that would benefit most from additional funding, especially those with limited financial resources, rather than those already backed by significant funding.

**Examples of associated keywords:** *respiratory and food allergy, patient-centered initiatives, caregivers, Patient-Reported Outcomes Measures, prevention, support, adherence, shared decision-making, health literacy, holistic approach, patient empowerment, innovation, climate change, environment etc.*

### III. ELIGIBILITY

The **Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards** are open to candidates affiliated to a non-profit research laboratory or organisation, and to associations (and their representatives) or individuals whose engagement may serve allergy field (for the “Patient Commitment Award” only).

Candidates to the **Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards** must still be actively engaged in the allergy field at the time of the Awards selection process, accept the conditions for selection (see hereunder “Organisation and application process”) and agree with the conditions for promoting the Awards (see hereunder “Promotion of the awards and awardee research”).

- Specifically for the **Innovation in Allergy Treatment Award**, the candidates must:
  - Be either scientists, researchers or medical doctors still engaged in research or clinical activities
  - Having completed their MD or PhD and be less than 50 years old
  - Conducted research work or implemented clinical approaches which demonstrated great scientific quality and innovation potential, with clear clinical focus
  - Be able to specify clearly how their work is advancing allergy treatment
  - Provide practical outcomes for the health of allergic patients
- Specifically for the **Patient Commitment Award**, the candidates must:
  - Be individuals, researchers, medical doctors, organisations (or representatives of organisations), associations highly engaged in patient-

- centered initiatives (patients themselves as individuals are not eligible to receive the grant)
- Have developed an innovative, pioneering, collaborative or multi-disciplinary approach in collaboration with allergic patients or integrating the patient voice
  - Have taken into account within their work or initiative, dimensions that are patient-centered (e.g., improving patients' health literacy, making patients and those in their support network more involved in their care and care coordination, voicing patients' opinions, perspectives and preferences, fostering patients' participation in relevant research – such as real-world studies and clinical trials – for which they may qualify and facilitating the inclusion and measurement of patient outcomes and preferences in research, encouraging patient involvement and engagement in the policy-making process on issues that have a direct impact on their lives, etc.)

There are no geographic limitations for candidates. Candidates from all countries are potentially eligible. Applicants should apply in only one category.

#### **IV. AWARDS AMOUNT AND ALLOCATION**

As part of the **Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards**, the Foundation will present two awards worth one hundred fifty thousand euros (€150,000) in total. Seventy-five thousand euros (€75,000) may be given to each of the categories.

Award payment will be defined by the awardee's organisation at the time of application, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations

#### **V. ORGANISATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

##### **A. Organisation**

**The Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards** shall be awarded using a 3-step process (as detailed in section "**Application process**" below), involving a Selection Committee composed of:

- The Stallergenes Greer Foundation's **Managing Board**,
- The Stallergenes Greer Foundation's **Scientific Board**, composed of four independent members.

*To learn more about the members of the Selection Committee:  
[www.stallergenesgreerfoundation.org](http://www.stallergenesgreerfoundation.org)*

The Selection Committee shall select the Awardees of the 2025 Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards from the shortlist of eligible candidates.

The Selection Committee's decision shall be made by simple majority vote of all members. The Selection Committee President has a double vote. In the event of a tie,

the President will have the casting vote. Decisions of the Selection Committee are final and may not be subject to an appeal from the candidates. The Selection Committee reserves the right to grant more than one award in the same category on account of the number and quality of the applications received.

As per Fondation de France guidelines, funds may be allocated to bodies affiliated to Trustees of the Stallergenes Greer Foundation, in which case the Trustee concerned shall not be entitled to vote and the allocation may only be made on one occasion during their term of office. The Trustee may not submit the project themselves.

### **b. Timeline**

<b>Step</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>
Application period	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 11:59pm (Central European Time - CET)</b> Applications received after the deadline or that are incomplete will not be considered.
Selection of the awardees	<b>March 2026</b> Results will be sent by email to researchers.
Awards presentation	<b>During EAACI Congress 2026</b> Results will be announced publicly.

If there are insufficient applications, or if none of the applications meet the expected level of scientific research, the Foundation reserves the right to amend the timeline or not to award a prize in the category concerned.

### **C. Application process**

#### **1) Step 1 – Researchers’ applications**

All applications should be in English, and the publications related to the research work should be published in the public domain, in English.

Candidates that meet all researcher eligibility requirements and have relevant research shall submit a proposal containing the following documents:

1. Short CV -for individuals only- (3 pages maximum including PhD date if the applicant has one, main achievements, membership in committees and associations, appointments if any)
2. Short description of primary research area / work area, motivations and explanations of why the applicant’s work fits the award (maximum 3000 characters)
3. List and link to publications or other relevant documents related to the work the candidate is applying for
4. Specifically for Patient commitment award: if the applicant is not an individual but an association/organisation: articles of association
5. Link to any complementary relevant content (written or video)

6. *OPTIONAL: Maximum two sponsorship letters, with at least one from a sponsor outside of the candidate's institution, specifically supporting the achievements of the candidate and justifying why the candidate should receive this recognition*
7. *OPTIONAL: Link to a self-filmed video explaining the research work (approximately 2 minutes)*
8. *OPTIONAL: Link to an existing short video presentation e.g., website or YouTube channel featuring relevant content or evidence of speaking opportunities*

All documents should be uploaded to the dedicated platform [www.stallergenesgreer-foundation.org](http://www.stallergenesgreer-foundation.org) before **November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 11:59pm (Central European Time - CET)**.

Applications may only be submitted electronically. All applications sent by post will be rejected.

## 2) Step 2 – Screening

The Stallergenes Greer Foundation will shortlist applications to ensure requirements are met.

## 3) Step 3 – Selection & results publication

The Selection Committee will review the applications. **Candidates will be informed by e-mail before the end of March 2026.** The 2025 Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards will be awarded during the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards Ceremony at EAACI Congress 2026. Participation in the award process implies acceptance of the guidelines put forth in this document and the requirements that follow.

### D. Selection criteria

Eligible submissions shall be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- **Background and established scientific achievements of the candidate:**
  - o Advocacy, mobilisation, and commitment to Allergy,
  - o Recognised leadership skills, capacity for networking and role in the research community (contribution to creating, organising leading and developing researchers' communities),
  - o Proven interest in and ability to engage with other audiences to spread their messages.
- **Fit of the work with the purpose of the awards as stated above:**
  - o Contributes to accelerating innovation in respiratory and/or food allergy,
  - o Encourages pioneering advances into research on allergic diseases.
- **High scientific or clinical quality of research:**
  - o Recognition of the research by peers (number of citations, impact factor, etc.),
  - o Robustness of data.
- **Innovation:**

- Originality and innovation of scientific contribution (novel concepts with practical outcomes or applications, methodology, transdisciplinary research, collaboration, etc.).
- **Scientific and societal impact of the research work:**
  - Practical outcomes and proven benefits to human health (clinical, epidemiological or practice improvement),
  - Recognition beyond national borders.

## **VI. PROMOTION OF THE AWARDS AND AWARDEE RESEARCH**

The Awardee authorises the Stallergenes Greer Foundation to communicate about its support on the Foundation's website and through other means to its scientific communities, within 24 months following the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards Ceremony.

In the context of the promotion of the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards, the Foundation may use, in its internal and external communications and subject to prior approval by the candidate, the name, photo, credentials, research work and any other relevant information received during the award process related to the Awardee. This information includes, but is not limited to, the research project content, research project title, award name and award process.

The Awardee may act as an ambassador of the Foundation to promote Innovation and Science in the field of allergic diseases (participation in these activities free of charge) and may:

- Take part in 2 events organised and supported by the Stallergenes Greer Foundation as a speaker or moderator (e.g., round table, webinars, training session, etc.)
- Participate in public relation activities related to the Stallergenes Greer Foundation Science Awards (including, but not exclusively, press relations)

Any communication and related content will be submitted to the Awardee for approval.

## **VII. AWARDEE OBLIGATIONS**

By submitting their application, the Awardee accepts these guidelines.

## **VIII. MORE ABOUT THE STALLERGENES GREER FOUNDATION**

Placed under the aegis of Fondation de France, the Stallergenes Greer Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees which brings together a Managing Board and a Scientific Board. The Stallergenes Greer Foundation acts transparently and respects our ethical commitments to the Fondation de France.

### About Fondation de France

Created in 1969, Fondation de France is a private organization recognized of public interest, whose mission is to support all forms of generosity in order to translate them into effective actions of general interest.

With close to 1,000 hosted foundations, Fondation de France supports more than 10,000 promising and innovative initiatives in France and abroad each year.

Fondation de France is independent and private and operates thanks to the generosity of donors.

*To learn more about Fondation de France:*

<https://www.fondationdefrance.org/en/who-we-are>

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