



The Agnes McLaren Award

Rules and Regulations

The Agnes McLaren Award was created in honour of Agnes McLaren, a Scottish lady, who was the first woman to graduate as a Doctor from the Faculty of Medicine, Montpellier in the year 1878.

She devoted her life to supporting women by striving to improve their health and fighting for their rights.

This award is to distinguish and reward an innovative medical thesis specifically related to the health care of disadvantaged and underprivileged women.

Art 1 Presentation

This prize will be awarded by the Association “Agnes McLaren” every 2 years, in cooperation with the Montpellier Faculty of Medicine and under the auspices of the Honorary Committee of the Award.

It will reward an original thesis addressing the health care of the most disadvantaged or underprivileged women and presenting innovative procedures.

Art 2 Eligibility

The award is open to all medical students of the Faculty of Montpellier and Nimes.

Art 3 Evaluation Criteria

All the theses submitted will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

The scientific quality of the contribution

Potential impact on the health of the most disadvantaged women

The original character of the thesis

The explicit potential of the work exposed in the thesis for an operational project which would be accompanied and realized by the future doctor

The Jury’s decisions need not be justified, cannot be contested and candidates have no right of appeal.

Art 4 Selection process

Candidates will submit a summary of their thesis in English and French for an initial selection by a pre-selection committee who will select a maximum of 5 theses that best meet the criteria of the award. The jury will designate the laureate of the prize after study of the 5 theses retained and the associated post-thesis projects.

Art 5 The Jury

The composition of the Jury is determined by the Committee of the Association “Agnes McLaren”.

The Jury members will be chosen from diverse medical and medico-social fields as well as NGO medical representatives.

The composition of the Jury will be available on the Association’s website on the date of submission of the theses.



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Art 6 Nature of the Award

The award is 4000 Euros.

Once a candidate has been selected, a part of the amount of the prize (1 000 €) will be awarded to him/her on the day of the award.

Then, once engaged in the project announced in the thesis, he or she will receive the second part of the prize amount (constituting a personal contribution enabling other funding to be raised for, for example, further training, a continuation of the research or a project to implement the actions)

The follow-up to this action will be carried out by the Committee of the Association and by the pre-selection Committee.

Art 7 Filing of applications

The procedure for submitting applications and the presentation of the prize are specified in a separate document and on the Association's website.

Art 8 – Prize-giving

The candidate will present his or her thesis as well as his or her post-doctoral project at the Award ceremony. The Jury will give the reasons justifying their selection.

In the event of a dispute, the French version shall prevail