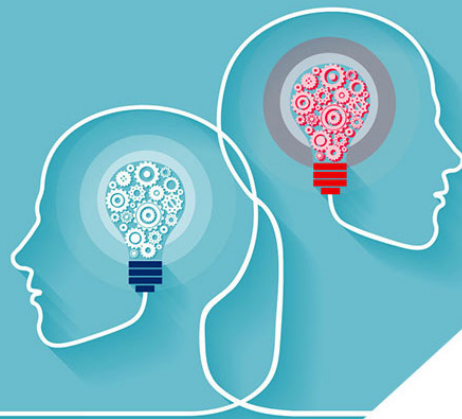


Call for applications

Desmarest Award 2020



Cognitive disorders and neuroinflammation



The Fondation Pierre Deniker and the Fondation Alzheimer are jointly launching a new call for projects in 2020: the Desmarest Award, focused on cognitive disorders, simultaneously associating approaches from the world of psychiatry, geriatrics and neurology.

Psychiatric illnesses can be associated with cognitive impairment and dementia. Likewise, neurocognitive illnesses can be accompanied by psychiatric symptoms.

These brain diseases share many things in common. For example, meta-analyses and cohort follow-up show that depression is associated with many types of dementia. Some patients with recurrent mood disorders (e.g. depression, bipolar disease, etc.) will gradually develop mild cognitive disorders which may progress and be associated with dementia in the long term. Forms of dementia can begin with psychiatric symptoms and behavioral disturbances. Depressive episodes in the acute phase are associated with cognitive disorders which generally regress.

Among the common determinants identified in many brain diseases, **neuroinflammation seems to play a major role in the occurrence of these cognitive disorders. This call for projects seeks to explore neuroinflammation as a potential mechanism common to cognitive disorders and psychiatric symptoms.**

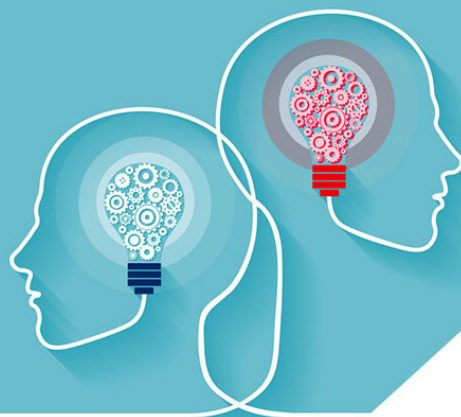
Also the cognitive functions studied in a **transnosographic manner, with psychiatric, geriatric and neurological approaches could open up new perspectives of research and care.**

To support fundamental, translational or clinical research projects, the Fondation Pierre Deniker and the Fondation Alzheimer have created the Desmarest Award.

- Funding can go up to 100,000 € per project for a total allocation of 200,000 €.
- The duration of projects is limited to a maximum of 3 years.
- A researcher can apply as long as he is part of a research structure or of a clinical team involved in research.

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APPLICATION TERMS

- The application must be sent by email to the following address:
candidatures@fondationpierreddeniker.org
- The subject for the application email must be titled: **CANDIDATURE PRIX DESMAREST 2020**.
- Only one application file per candidate is accepted, provided it is complete.

The application file must be submitted in the same pdf file containing the following seven sections which must all be completed:

1. Identification of the project
2. Applicant description
3. Host laboratory
4. Funding requested and management
5. Abstracts
6. Scientific project
7. Reviewers

After validation of their admissibility, the applications will be evaluated by the Scientific Council dedicated to the Desmarest Award.

SELECTION

The project will be selected on the following criteria:

- Innovative value
- Quality of the laboratory and of the scientific environment
- Expected benefits
- Technical feasibility of the project

SCHEDULE

- Deadline for submitting applications: October 18, 2020 11:59 p.m.
- Announcement of the results during the Congress of the "Encephale 2021" (January 20-22, 2021, Paris)