Information for applicants

Goal:
The objective of the BRAIN DISEASES Fund is to award a yearly prize (5’000 Swiss Francs) to one or more PhD or MD/PhD students for outstanding contribution(s) to non-clinical basic research related to brain disorders e.g., Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, brain cancer, epilepsy, and depressive disorders.

Rules:
The emphasis is on basic research ranging from mathematical, physical, and/or computational models of brain diseases to experimental investigations.
- The research results have to be either already published or in press as original contributions in peer-reviewed journals.
- Maximal age at the time of the relevant publication is 30 and 33 for men and women, respectively.

Applications:
All documents must be written in English and submitted in four copies. A full dossier includes:
- Reprints and/or preprints of a maximum of three original research papers.
- Curriculum vitae of the PhD student (maximum of one A4 page). Both birth date and current working status, e.g., "third-year PhD student", must be explicitly mentioned. Eventual progresses in the research career should also be mentioned, e.g., "offered and accepted a PostDoc position at Harvard University in the group of Prof. ..."
- Letter of support of the PhD-thesis advisor who should explicitly specify what was the role of the PhD student in the published research (e.g., in the style of the "Author Contributions" declaration of Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA).
- Letter of support of an expert in the published research who was not involved in the research work. This letter is optional.

General:
- The Scientific Committee decides which PhD or MD/PhD student(s) receive the prize.
- Only the winner(s) will be informed in writing.
- No correspondence about the award of the prize will be entered into.
- No legal recourse is permitted.

Deadline:
April 30th

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