

Press Release

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Fondation FondaMental and Dassault Group Unveil Applications Opening for Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders

Mental health disorders continue to pose a significant global challenge, impacting individuals, families, and communities. In response to this urgent need for innovation and progress in psychiatry, Fondation FondaMental and the Dassault Group proudly announce the opening of applications for the esteemed Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders on May 6th, 2024.

Now in its **eleventh year**, the Marcel Dassault Prize aims to **support entrepreneurial product innovation** in the field of Mental Health and Mental Disorders, to **attract new talents** to the field of psychiatry and to contribute to the development of the **PsyTech ecosystem**. With mental illnesses ranking as the **leading cause of disability worldwide**, there is a pressing need to enhance the quality of life and prognosis for those affected.

The **Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders** seeks to drive the development of **new approaches, tools, and therapies** for the prevention, diagnosis, and management of mental health disorders, and encourages applicants to propose **innovative solutions** across various domains, including:

- **Management of mental disorders:** medical technology, treatments, digital platforms
- **Discovery of new diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers:** blood biomarkers, brain imaging, algorithms, etc.

Application criteria

Applications are open to **entrepreneurs, engineers, medical doctors and basic or clinical scientists** who:

- have created or in the process of creating a **start-up** in the field of Mental Health
- have an idea or are in **early-phase development of an innovation** with clear marketing potential, including those adapted from another environment.

Applicants must submit their proposals by **July 15th, 2024, at 3 pm CET** to be considered for the prize. The evaluation process will be conducted by both the **International Scientific Advisory Board** and the **Executive Committee** of Fondation FondaMental.

The recipient of the Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders will receive an award of **€90,000**. In addition to the financial award, he or she will benefit from **ongoing support from the multidisciplinary project development teams** at the Fondation's **Lab'FondaMental**, as well as **communications assistance** to amplify the project's impact.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the Fondation FondaMental website (www.fondation-fondamental.org) to submit their proposals and learn more about the eligibility criteria and submission guidelines. Questions can be directed to prix-projet@fondation-fondamental.org.

The winner of the Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders will be officially announced during a **press conference scheduled for October-December 2024** at the Dassault Group headquarters in Paris, which will provide a platform to celebrate the recipient's achievements and engage with **key stakeholders in the mental health community**.



« We are delighted to continue our collaboration with the Dassault Group to drive innovation in the field of psychiatric disorders. The Marcel Dassault Prize for Innovation in Mental Disorders represents an invaluable opportunity to support major initiatives that redefine standards of care and offer hope to patients and their families. Through the Lab'FondaMental, we are committed to supporting them, convinced of their potential to radically transform the landscape of psychiatry and improve the quality of life for millions of people worldwide. »

Marion Leboyer, Executive Director of Fondation FondaMental.

About Fondation FondaMental:

The Fondation FondaMental is a scientific cooperation foundation dedicated to improving the diagnosis, understanding, and treatment of mental illnesses. It combines advanced care and research promoting personalised and multidisciplinary patient care and supporting research and innovation in improving diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for mental illnesses. It can receive donations and bequests.

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