



# Funding Guidelines

## Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing

German Tinnitus and Hearing Foundation Charité



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# Funding Guidelines for the Awarding of the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing

## 1. The Foundation's Profile

The foundation was established in 2011. It sees itself as an agent of education and prevention. But above all, it is an instrument to support research and scientific communication on ear disorders.

To fulfil its purpose, the foundation does not conduct any research projects of its own but acts purely in a promotional capacity. Thus, according to § 2, paragraph 8 of the statutes, it awards prizes to projects and individuals who distinguish themselves through excellence and innovation.

## 2. Objective and subject matter of the funding

Since 2019, the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing is awarded once a year. The aim is to pay tribute to and promote innovative research approaches on tinnitus and other hearing disorders.

Specifically, outstanding achievements in the field of causal research, early detection and therapy of tinnitus and hearing impairment are awarded. The following works can be submitted:

- high-calibre scientific papers and
- (post)-doctoral theses

that have been published within the past three years..

## 3. Grant recipients

The award is aimed at the new generation of scientists in from Europe; thesis this includes all who are working scientifically after having completed their PhD thesis, all who are working on their habilitation or those, who are continuing to conduct research for a maximum of three years after having completed their habilitation in order to establish themselves as a scientist in their field of specialisation. They may submit their work in German or English. Those who have already received an award may reapply after a period of five years. Only personal applications are submissible; proposals from third parties are not permitted.

## 4. Type and scope of the grants

Since 2019, the 10,000 Euro prize has been awarded annually during the Tinnitus symposium at the beginning of December. A representative of the Scientific Advisory Board holds the laudation, and the award winner then has the opportunity to present his/her own research work. Afterwards, the certificate is handed over.

The Foundation issues a press release and covers the award on its website and social media channels as well as in its newsletter. In the following years, the summer newsletter is dedicated to the ongoing research work of the previous Research Prize winners.



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## 5. Application conditions and procedure

The following documents must be enclosed:

- Short description of the post-doctoral thesis or the submitted scientific work and its significance (max. two pages)
- Curriculum vitae with a description of the academic career
- List of publications
- Habilitation and/or published work
- Confirmation that the scientific work submitted for the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing has not been submitted for any other prize and that this work will not be submitted for any other award until the decision on the award of the prize has been made (see enclosed "Form").
- If more than one author is involved in the work, it is necessary
  - to state the name of the author applying for the prize (see enclosed "Form"),
  - it must be assured by signature that all co-authors of the submitted work agree to the submittance for the research award.

## The deadline for submitting all documents each year is 15 September at 11:59 PM.

The Foundation requests that applications be sent in duplicate:

Please send one postal copy to the following address:

German Tinnitus and Hearing Foundation Charité  
Luisenstr. 13  
10117 Berlin  
Germany

Furthermore, the foundation asks for a second, digital version of the application to be sent to the following address by e-mail to: [forschungspreis@stiftung-tinnitus-und-hoeren-charite.org](mailto:forschungspreis@stiftung-tinnitus-und-hoeren-charite.org)

The date of the postmark (if sent by post) and the date and time (if sent by e-mail) are decisive for the acceptance.

## 6. Selection procedure and criteria for awarding the prize

The review and evaluation of the submitted documents is carried out by the Scientific Advisory Board of the Foundation. This committee is composed of experts from various medical fields who are relevant to the assessment of tinnitus and inner ear diseases. Its decision is binding, there is no right of appeal.

On the day after the application deadline, the Scientific Advisory Board receives all submitted applications for review from the Foundation's office by e-mail (Foundation Statutes § 2, paragraph 5). The processing time is two months, and the Scientific Advisory Board communicates the grounds for its decision to the Foundation's Executive Board in writing. It also attaches a ranking overview.



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The ranking criteria for awarding the prize are the:

- scientific work's degree of innovation
- clinical relevance
- quality of methodological implementation
- interdisciplinarity

In exceptional cases, the prize fee can be divided between a maximum of two prize winners.

#### **7. Grant conditions**

Only complete application documents that have been submitted in due time and in accordance with the application conditions (see point 5) will be processed.

There is no entitlement to reasons for rejections. Applicants have no legal claim to the award.

#### **8. Continuous reporting on the decision-making process and the awarding of the prize up to the receipt of the prize money**

The Foundation's office will confirm the receipt of the application as well as the completeness of the documents. At the latest three weeks before the award ceremony, the award winner will be informed about the decision of the committee and the awarding procedure. The prize money will be transferred to the award winner within one week after the awarding of the prize.

#### **9. Effective Date**

The present funding guidelines of the German Tinnitus and Hearing Foundation Charité for the awarding of the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing come into force as of **15.05.2022**.

signed. Prof. Dr. Christian Döbel  
Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board

signed Prof. Dr. Birgit Mazurek  
Chairwoman of the Foundation's Executive Board



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# Application Form for the Research Award Tinnitus & Hearing 2024

We kindly ask you to fill in as well as sign this form and to attach a scan of your application to your e-mail or include a copy of your application with your letter.

## 1. Confirmation of exclusive submission

☐ I hereby confirm that the scientific work submitted for the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing 2024 has not been submitted for any other prize and that this work will not be submitted for any other prize until the decision on the award of the prize has been made.

I should mention that the present manuscript was funded by the American Tinnitus Association but it is not submitted elsewhere to be awarded the result of the work like this prize does

## 2. Confirmation of authorship

The scientific work submitted by me for the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing 2024 involved several authors:

☐ Yes ☐ No

The following person is applying for the award (surname, first name)

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I hereby confirm that all authors and co-authors of the submitted work agree to the application for the Research Prize Tinnitus & Hearing 2024.

☐ Yes

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Place

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Date

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Name, First Name

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Signature

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