

## **Terms and conditions of the 8th Awards for Research and Innovation concerning Intellectual Disabilities and/or developmental disorders.**

AMPANS' mission is to provide companionship and support for people with intellectual disabilities and in situations of vulnerability.

The AMPANS Foundation seeks to promote knowledge and encourage innovative experiences aimed at improving the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders within the Foundation's economic and cultural context.

This year, with the above goal in mind, it is organising the 8th Awards for Research and Innovation concerning Intellectual Disabilities and developmental disorders, governed by the following rules:

1. The projects should address any issue related to intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders\*.

\*This refers to neurodevelopmental disorders, specifically: Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), learning difficulties, communication disorders and motor disorders.

2. All individual and collective natural persons and all legal persons (institutions, universities, entities and public and private companies) incorporated or with their headquarters in Europe and Latin America are eligible for the awards.
3. The projects can be submitted in the following languages: Catalan, Spanish, English and French. The authors authorise AMPANS to translate the projects into Catalan and/or Spanish for the purposes of their evaluation, publication and disclosure.
4. The projects must be original and unpublished and completed during the three years prior to their reception.

The following are regarded as unpublished projects:

- Any which have not been published in either printed or electronic format.
- Any which have not been presented at conferences, seminars, congresses or similar events.
- Any which have not previously won any competitions, prizes, contests, etc.

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In exceptional cases, any works submitted as doctoral theses, dissertations, bachelor's degree works, end-of-degree projects, master's degree and similar projects which have been deposited in the libraries or archives of the corresponding educational centres and which subsequently remain unpublished in other media and/or areas will be regarded as unpublished.

In the latter case, it will be clarified in the submitted project whether the author has received the support or tutoring of persons, departments or educational institutions, without the above entailing any modification of the copyright.

5. The awards will go to the best three studies in the "research" category and the best three studies in the "innovation" category\*.
  - Research: the main purpose of the projects in the research category will be the generation of new knowledge in any field concerning intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders.
  - Innovation: the purpose of the innovation projects will be to provide innovative solutions to improve the care and quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to improve the service provider organisations and the development and application of new technologies and products with proven viability and usefulness.

The amounts allocated to the prizes in each category are as follows:

- First prize: €5,000
- Second prize: €3,000
- Third prize: €1,000

All the winning projects will be published in electronic format on the Awards website ([www.premiinvestigacioampans.cat](http://www.premiinvestigacioampans.cat)).

\* The AMPANS Foundation, upon prior consultation with the authors and their authorisation, may, if appropriate, modify the category for which a project is eligible during the initial selection phase.

6. The deadline for submitting projects is **2:00 pm on 31 December 2019**.
7. To formalise entry it is necessary to go to the Awards website and fill in the required fields, attaching the documentation requested. The projects must be submitted in PDF format via the registration form on the website ([www.premiinvestigacioampans.cat](http://www.premiinvestigacioampans.cat)). AMPANS may ask for the winning projects to be submitted in an editable format for their publication.

8. The projects will be submitted on a maximum of 45 numbered pages in DIN-A4 format, written in Arial (font size 12) with justified alignment, simple line spacing and margins measuring no less than 3 cm at the top and on the sides and 2.5 cm at the bottom. The cover, back cover and index will not form part of the above. Any tables, charts, graphs and illustrations must be clearly visible in DIN-A4 format. The projects may be complemented by a maximum of 10 pages of annexes.

The structure of the projects will be as follows:

Research work	Innovation work
Work title	
Author or authors.	
A summary containing a maximum of 1,100 characters, not including spaces.	
Keywords. A maximum of five words in alphabetical order, separated by semi-colons.	
Abstract: the translation of the summary into English.	
Keywords: A maximum of five words in English in alphabetical order, separated by semi-colons.	
Introduction	Introduction. Rationale of the project. Theoretical principles. (This section may be adapted to the individual nature of each project)
Methodology	Beneficiaries and results.
	Body of the project. Methodology, description of activities, timeline, design, etc. (This section may be adapted to the individual nature of each project)
Results.	
Discussion. Critical analysis of the results and comparison with other studies, practicals, products, services, etc.	
Conclusions	
Acknowledgements (optional)	
Bibliographical references	
Annexes	

9. The jury will reach its decisions at most four months after the projects are submitted and all the participants will be notified of the above in writing.

The project selection process will consist of two phases:

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- First phase: Selection of four projects in each of the categories. The selection will be performed by professionals from the AMPANS Foundation with suitable training and broad experience of caring for people with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disorders. The authors will be notified if their projects are selected for the second phase. The finalists will be handed to the panel of judges.
- Second phase: the selection of the winning projects will be performed by a panel of judges chaired by the President of AMPANS, or by any person to whom he or she delegates, and made up of a number of members no fewer than three and no greater than ten, appointed by the President of AMPANS. These will be prestigious figures related to the care and study of people with intellectual disabilities (the composition of the jury can be viewed on the Awards website).

The awards will be granted by a majority of votes and may be declared null and void at the judges' discretion. The jury's decisions will be final.

10. The following criteria will be taken into account in the evaluation of the projects:

### Research category:

- Suitability for the population under study.
- Methodological thoroughness.
- Results obtained and knowledge generated.
- Impact of the results and future implications.

### Innovation category:

- Suitability for the population under study.
- Methodological thoroughness.
- Innovative elements
- Results achieved
- Applicability to and impact on people with intellectual disabilities and developmental disorders and service provider organisations.

11. The winners grant their consent to the non-profit publication and dissemination of their projects by AMPANS, without said dissemination entailing the transfer or limitation of the property rights regarding the projects, including those resulting from intellectual and industrial property.

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12. The awards will be presented at a public ceremony with the appropriate significance, solemnity and publicity, which entails acceptance of the release of image rights with the sole purpose of publicising the Awards.

13. The first and second prizes must be collected in person at the ceremony. In the event that this proves impossible, a representative must be designated. The organisation will thank the winners of the third prizes for attending the ceremony. Any travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the award winners.

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