

# 1st DOCTOR JUAN ABARCA INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR MEDICAL SCIENCE

## RULES OF THE 2021 CALL

Fundación de Investigación HM Hospitales is calling the DOCTOR JUAN ABARCA INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR MEDICAL SCIENCE with the goal of acknowledging the work of a scientist of international standing who has achieved a biomedical finding of global significance, whose career has contributed decisively to improving people's health, and who embodies the human and professional values that Dr. Abarca Campal has advocated throughout his personal life and professional career: lifelong dedication to patient health and care.

## 1. Nature of the award

The Award will acknowledge the impact of the awardee's scientific or clinical activity on protecting, improving or restoring people's and communities' health. Thus, the award-winning candidate must be supported by documentary evidence of how his or her activity has had a real, direct, effective impact on people's health, sickness and well-being. It will be expected that the award-winning activity has contributed to generating new knowledge of global significance, that it has been able to bring about changes in countries' healthcare systems, in the risk factors for preventable diseases, or in the social determinants or environmental impacts as a primary cause of disease generation, and that it has provided scientific and clinical inspiration to other people. Furthermore, the candidate must have an unblemished ethical record.

As this is an international Award, candidates may come from anywhere in the world.

## 2. Endowment

The Award is endowed with a sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EUROS (100,000 euros) and an accrediting diploma.

### 3. Period for nomination of candidates

The period for nominating candidates will be open from 1 April 2021 until 2:00 pm (CET) on 31 May 2021. Nominations may be submitted in Spanish or English. The award will be based on work or activities carried out prior to this call.

Nominations will be made through people or organisations other than the candidate. These may be companies, foundations, researchers of recognised standing, universities, hospitals, Professional Associations, Scientific Societies, Royal Academies, etc.

The following may not take part in the call:

- Members of Fundación de Investigación HM Hospitales's Board of Trustees
- Staff working for companies belonging to Grupo HM Hospitales
- Jury members
- Posthumous candidates
- Those who submit nominations on their own behalf

*First phase:* This consists of sending a letter of intent, using the standard template available at [www.abarcaprize.com](http://www.abarcaprize.com), before 2:00 pm (CET) on 31 May 2021. In this letter of intent, the nominating organisations or individuals must explain the reasons why the candidate meets the requirements for receiving the Award, in line with the Award's values.

Fundación de Investigación HM Hospitales will determine fulfilment of the requirements and the candidates' suitability. The outcome of the Foundation's evaluation will determine the final selection submitted to the Jury, which will include a maximum of 5 proposals. The organisations or individuals that have nominated these 5 proposals will be invited to send all the documentation they consider relevant for assessment by the Jury; the period for sending the documentation will end at 2:00 pm (CET) on 30 September 2021.

The documentation must be sent to: [secretariat@abarcaprize.com](mailto:secretariat@abarcaprize.com)

*Second phase:* The Jury will evaluate the documentation in accordance with its best criteria. Finally, at a videoconference held with all of the Jury's members, before 12 October, a discussion will take place which will conclude with a proposal of the award winner, accompanied by a reasoned report of the merits that support this choice.

The winner of the Award will be announced on 25 October 2021.

The decision will be notified to the award winner, who must expressly accept it and sign an undertaking to be available for the different events established by the Award's organisers.

In order to receive the Award, the winner must be present at the award-giving ceremony and take part in the events that have been organised, without prejudice to the mobility restrictions that may be imposed at the time by the health authorities.

## 4. Jury

The Award will be decided by a Jury composed of members, who will be appointed annually by the Foundation from among experts of accredited academic and professional repute who are acknowledged internationally for their contribution to science and who, in one way or another, represent and epitomise the Award's values. A professionally diverse Jury (scientists, clinicians and other fields of professional activity) guarantees that the award winner has made a scientifically significant contribution to improving people's health. A nationally diverse Jury guarantees that the Award is given for a truly global contribution. The Jury members' vote cannot be delegated. The Jury's deliberations will be secret.

The Jury's decision is final.

The Jury's membership will be announced during July 2021.

## 5. Award-giving ceremony

The Award will be given at a ceremony specifically organised for this purpose, which will be held in Madrid in October 2021.