THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRIZE

The Prof. Dr. Max Cloëtta Foundation awards the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 in honour of its 50th anniversary. This special jubilee prize is intended to recognize outstanding achievements of the prize-winner in the biomedical research field, and to promote and financially support her or his further research career.

The Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 shall be awarded to an active researcher who has distinguished herself/himself in the field of biomedical research. The prize is meant to recognize outstanding scientific contributions of a young principal investigator, who currently works at a Swiss academic institution and can be considered a rising star in medical research.

The prize can be awarded to any researcher who satisfies these requirements, regardless of her/his nationality, university degrees or diplomas.

The prize-winner shall be entitled to refer to this prize as the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRIZE

The Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023, worth CHF 250’000, will be awarded in 2023.

The prize comprises a share intended to finance the prize-winner’s future research worth CHF 200’000 and a personal share worth CHF 50’000.

The prize winner is free to use the personal share of the prize as she/he wishes.

The share of the prize intended for research may be used by the prize-winner to cover costs of scientific personnel (e.g., a PhD student, postdoc or technician), of laboratory equipment, and/or of running research costs or for any activity which is of manifest benefit to the advancement of her/his research. The winner of the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 must be able to decide for herself/himself on the utilization of the amount of the prize deposited with the institution at which she/he is employed. The research funds of the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 can be spent over a period of maximally five years.

Five years after the award of the prize, the prize-winner shall provide a brief report presenting the results of the research supported by the prize.

The prize-winner is obliged to acknowledge the support by the Foundation in any resulting publication and to provide the Foundation with a list of the publications in which the Foundation is acknowledged. This list will be published on the Foundation’s website.

If a prize-winner leaves the institution at which she/he is working before the amount of the prize has entirely been used, she/he shall immediately inform the Foundation, which in principle shall not oppose the transfer of the prize money as long as it is possible that the funds will continue to finance medical research in Switzerland. The approval of the Foundation’s board is required before any money transfer is made.

In the event of a prize-winner’s termination of her/his research activities for any reason before the prize money has been entirely used, the institution at which the prize-winner was working shall inform the Foundation, which shall decide how the balance of this sum is allocated.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Nominees for the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 must be nominated by individuals or by institutions (e.g. research institutes or hospitals), who possess detailed knowledge of the nominee’s work.

1. Self-nominations are not accepted.
2. Nominees should not be informed of their nomination.
3. Nominees should be young principal investigators who are considered rising stars in medical research and who are currently working at a Swiss academic institution
4. The call for nominations for the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 will open in April 2022.

The researcher to receive the Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 will be chosen by a selection board. The selection board consists of the six members of the Foundation’s Scientific Committee. External evaluations will be obtained for all shortlisted candidates. Interviews might be held with the top candidates.

PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZE

The Foundation’s Office informs the candidate and, following acceptance, proceeds with the internal and external communication as well as with the organization of the award ceremony.

The Cloëtta Jubilee Prize 2023 will be awarded to the laureate on 28 September 2023 at the Foundation’s 50th anniversary symposium taking place in Rüschlikon at the Swiss Re Centre for Global Dialogue.