



VII INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR INVESTIGATION IN CARDIOLOGY “RAMIRO CARREGAL CARDIOVASCULAR ILLNESSES”

The International Award for Investigation in Cardiology “Ramiro Carregal Cardiovascular Illnesses” hopes to recognise the work carried out by researchers and clinicians who work towards improving treatments for heart diseases, currently the main cause of death in Spain and the rest of the world.

For this reason, this annual award has been announced, organised by the *Fundación Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria* in Santiago de Compostela, which manages the activity of the *Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria* (IDIS), to which the Cardiology Investigation Team belongs, the main researcher being the nationally and internationally renowned Dr. José Ramón González Juanatey, an expert in the treatment of heart disease.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Awards.

- 1.1. There will be one award of thirty thousand Euro (€30 000), which will be subject to all pertinent tax deductions.
- 1.2. The winner will also receive a distinctive symbol certifying his or her status as the winner of the award.

2. Candidates.

2.1. Candidates for the award may be: researchers (basic research aimed towards further knowledge with clinical applications), and clinicians (research with humans), who carry out their activities in public or private health centres and/or research centres in Galicia, Spain or the rest of the world, and who have a doctorate.

2.2. Public and private institutions, foundations, associations, professional associations, academies and people related to oncological research may propose candidates for the award.

2.3. The jury may propose works due to their significance, trajectory or relevance in the field of research.

3. Presentation of Nominations.

3.1. The prize will be decided from a list of candidatures that must be formalised by presenting the following documents:

- a) Annex I. Presentation of the Project. All sections filled in and signed.
- b) Annex II. Template for the Summarized CV of the Main Researcher and the Project Research Team

3.2. Candidatures should be original, and should be of a clearly innovative and practical character. It should be clearly expressed the originality and progress that it is hoped will be achieved (diagnostics, treatment and prevention etc.).

3.3. One person may not appear in more than one nominated project. Each research group may present only one nomination.

3.4. Candidatures that already receive public funding will not be eligible for the award.

3.5. A formal, written declaration in which the candidate states that, in the case that he, she or the group win the award, it will be accepted personally in the established time and place.

3.6. Nominations may be presented in one of the following three languages: Galician, Spanish or English.

3.7. Candidatures may be presented via e-mail by sending them to cardiologia@premioramirocarregal.com or directly from the website <http://premioramirocarregal.com/cardiologia>.

3.8. The deadline for submitting candidatures is at 23:59 h (Santiago de Compostela time) on **October 5, 2025**. In the case of those candidatures sent by post, the date of the postmark will be considered as the date of reference.

4. Jury and Selection Process.

4.1. Nominations will be evaluated by a jury, made up of the members of the scientific, academic and research communities, and designated by the Board of trustees of the award.

4.2. Once the jury has been named, the executive president will be Dr. José Ramón González Juanatey. He will direct the deliberations and will be assisted by a secretary representing the Board of Trustees, designated by the president, who will take the minutes and attend meetings.

4.3. The jury will have Ramiro Carregal Rey as its honorary president.

4.4. The process of evaluation and selection will have two phases:

1. Individual, independent assessment by each of the members of the jury.
2. A group decision taken by all members of the jury on the nominations.

4.5. During the assessment of the candidatures, the following criteria will be taken into account:

1. An evaluation of the scientific and technical quality and the viability of the proposal.
2. The scientific and technical relevance of the aims established by the research team.
 - Design and work plan
 - Degree of innovation and practicality of the results.
 - Viability and risks, or limitations of the proposal.
 - Detailed justification of the budget of the project.

3. Evaluation of the CV of both the main researcher of the nominated project and the Research Team.

- Publications. Selection of 10 publications from the last 5 years.
- Clinical tests and studies. In which the candidate appears as the main researcher in the last 5 years.
- Research projects. Projects receiving funds through competitive process, in which the candidate appears as the main researcher, including a researcher from the team, in the last 5 years.
- Patents. (Only those licensed or currently being exploited). The current state of the patent should be specified.
- R&D contracts with industry and businesses in the last 5 years. Does not include clinical trials nor observational studies.

5. Decision.

5.1. The jury will freely award the prize to one of the candidates nominated by one of the entities indicated in these rules, or nominated by the jury itself. In exceptional circumstances, the prize may be shared when the merits of the entity, people or groups clearly complement each other.

5.2 The jury's decision will be adopted by a majority vote. In the case of a tie, the president will cast the deciding vote. Once the jury had reached its decision, the winner will be notified.

5.3. The award may not be declared without a winner, although the jury reserves the right, if necessary due to *force majeure*, to modify all or part of these rules without breaching said rules.

5.4. The decision of the jury is final and not subject to appeal. The decision of the jury will be made public on different social platforms and on the website of the award. The winner will also be notified personally.

5.5. Candidatures that do not receive the award may be included in future editions should the jury consider them worthy.

5.6. There will be no economic benefit derived from the winning works. Reception of the award in no way implies a cession or limitation of property rights, including those derived from intellectual and industrial rights. Exposure of the work in the mass media or any other means of communication does not breach this condition.

6. Award Ceremony

The prize will be awarded in a joint ceremony with the Ramiro Carregal Awards for Scientific and Technical Oncological Research, attended by various people from the political, social, academic and scientific fields. These awards will be held in Santiago de Compostela on a date to be decided.

7. Compliance

The presentation of nominations implies full acceptance of these rules and the decision-making process.