

AWARD REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

carried out by the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation

1. Purpose of the foundation

- (1) The foundation's purpose is to financially support research in the field of inflammatory and auto-immune rheumatic diseases by offering sponsorship awards. The foundation's executive board has established regulations for these awards.
- (2) The Deutsche Rheuma-Liga Berlin e.V. manages the foundation.
- (3) The foundation can also financially aid public legal entities or other tax-privileged corporations in carrying out research projects, insofar as the foundation's funds permit this. These award regulations refer solely to this form of support.

2. Specific purpose

- (1) The support is to be used for existing research projects or for further research in the field of rheumatic diseases. It may be used for:
 1. Human resources: paying research assistants, domestic and international scholarships, guest professorships, etc.
 2. Material resources: specialist literature, computer equipment, travel, accommodation and organisational expenses for scientific conferences/meetings and publications thereof, etc.
- (2) Applications may be lodged informally with the foundation, stating the intended use of the funds. The applicant shall appoint a contact person.
- (3) The applicant shall provide the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation with a detailed plan of how the requested funding will be used. The foundation shall check whether the application complies with the award regulations for research projects and with the foundation's by-laws, and, if this meets with its satisfaction, the foundation shall release the funds as per the call-off plan. The applicant shall be responsible for correctly using the funds, and commits to providing the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation with a final written report.
- (4) The Wolfgang Schulze Foundation may withhold up to 10% of the approved funds until it receives a final report after the specific purpose has been fulfilled.
- (5) If the applicant fails to use the funds or does not submit the report, the funds or unused/unreleased money, or withheld money, shall be returned to the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation's assets.

3. Application and submission deadline

- (1) Applications for funding for the following calendar year must be lodged by 31 December of the current year. They are further processed subject to Section 1 (3) (see above) or Section 4 (see below).
- (2) In the event that research funding is granted, the applicants commit to submitting a brief summary of their research work in layman's terms for the Deutsche Rheuma-Liga members' magazine via the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation. The Wolfgang Schulze Foundation expressly reserves all publication-based rights, economic usage rights, and additional rights.

4. Decisions to award funds to support research projects

- (1) Decisions regarding the awarding of funds for research projects, and the amount of said funds, are made by the executive board of the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation. A panel of judges (jury) may make recommendations.
- (2) Upon receipt of applications, the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation checks whether funds are available to support research projects.
- (3) The Wolfgang Schulze Foundation may appoint a jury of competent scientists who must not have applied for funding from the foundation during that year.
- (4) The jury shall consist of at least three people, including at least one rheumatologist and member of the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation's executive board.
- (5) The jury members appoint a chair from within their ranks. They must assess each research project application that has been submitted individually, and make a record of this. The jury members are bound by a duty of absolute non-disclosure. They make suggestions regarding research project(s) to be supported, and must provide justification if none of the submitted applications comply with the requirements stipulated under Section 2 (see above).
- (6) The official decision regarding the research project(s) to receive funding is made at a joint meeting between the foundation's executive board and the jury. This meeting must be convened promptly and in writing.
- (7) Those present shall appoint a chairperson. The research project(s) due to receive funding is confirmed by a simple majority vote by the meeting's participants. If votes are tied, the chairperson's vote shall be definitive. The chairperson composes minutes, detailing the meeting's attendees and the decisions made by the jury and the foundation's executive board. The assessments of the submitted applications are not disclosed.

5. Announcement of research projects

The research projects funded by the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation shall be officially presented at the Deutsche Rheuma-Liga Berlin e.V. members' meeting once the measures are complete.

6. Other

The jury members must be reimbursed any expenses incurred in relation to the necessary meetings.

These award regulations for research projects carried out by the Wolfgang Schulze Foundation take effect by virtue of a ruling made by the meeting dated 04/06/2002.