



CSRS 2025 Prize Eremitage Fund for Scientific Research in Partnership

La recherche en partenariat pour le développement durable.

Created on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire (CSRS) in 2001, the «CSRS Prize for Scientific Research in Partnership» is awarded every two years by the Foundation Board for the CSRS. As of 2011, the prize is awarded with the financial support of the Ermitage Fund in Basel, Switzerland.

The following regulations stipulate the conditions of the award.

PURPOSE

The «CSRS - Ermitage Fund Prize for Scientific Research in Partnership» aims at honouring researchers for the excellence of their contribution to scientific research pursued in partnership between scientific institutions in the North and in Côte d'Ivoire and/or in other countries of West Africa. The prize is awarded for high-quality research that has led to important peer-reviewed publications and/or innovative applications.

Projects in the natural and biomedical sciences as well as in the humanities, social sciences or economics will be considered in the following areas that can be treated in a transdisciplinary manner :

- ***Biodiversity and behavioural ecology***
- ***Food safety and nutrition***
- ***Human and animal health***
- ***Urban environment and public health***
- ***Climate change and living environments***
- ***Governance, mobility, risks and conflicts***

CANDIDATES

Candidates may be scientists recognized for the excellence of their scientific contributions in Côte d'Ivoire and/or West Africa and for their commitment to North-South or South-South partnerships. Applicants must be principal investigators of the project and have been actively involved in its design as well as in the execution of the research and the implementation of the results. They must have demonstrated analytical and methodological skills as well as fieldwork capabilities and have published in internationally recognized journals in their field.

PRIZE

The prize is set at CHF 15,000 (fifteen thousand Swiss francs) for a team of at least two North-South or South-South researchers. The decision will be communicated early enough to allow the laureates to attend the award ceremony at CSRS.

NOMINATIONS

- Faculty members of universities and research institutions in the North and the South who are involved in scientific research in partnership, may submit one or more nominations for the Award.
- Teams of researchers are also allowed to submit their nominations, provided that each researcher fulfills the requirements of the candidates.

The nomination package (in French or English) will contain:

1. *The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominator*
 2. *The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominating team.*
 3. *A description of the scientific results and a succinct summary of the research work and its applications (max. 1 page).*
 4. *A description of the personal commitment of the nominee(s) and a brief explanation of the reasons that led to the nomination or submission of the application for the Prize (max. 1 page).*
 5. *CVs with address, affiliations and list of publications of the nominees.*
 6. *A description of the relationship between the nominator and the nominees or partners.*
 7. *Three references that will provide a basis for judging the qualifications of the applicant(s).*
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SELECTION CRITERIA

The Prize will be awarded according to the following criteria :

- the originality of the projects and their scientific results
 - consideration of the applicability and usefulness of the results for development
 - the commitment of the candidates to scientific research in partnership
 - the quality of the submitted proposal.
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SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Commission in charge of awarding the Prize is composed of:

President: **Dr Olivier Girardin**, President of the Foundation Board for CSRS

Members: **Professor Francis Akindes**, Social sciences, University of Alassane Ouattara, Côte d'Ivoire; **Professor emeritus Chantal Akoua Koffi**, Department of Fundamental and Bioclinical Sciences, UFR of Medical Sciences of Bouaké; **Professor Marion Fresia**, Institute of Ethnology, University of Neuchâtel

Professor Emmanuel Frossard, Vice-President of the Foundation for the CSRS; **Pascal Rouamba**, Swiss Cooperation Office, Burkina Faso; **Professor Jürg Utzinger**, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute; **Dr Arsène Sanon**, IUCN Regional Office, Ouagadougou; **Professor Klaus Zuberbühler**, Institute of Biology, University of Neuchâtel.

The Commission is entitled to call upon experts for specific advice. It reserves the right not to award the Prize if none of the dossiers meet the selection conditions. The Commission's decisions are irrevocable.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The deadline for submission of nominations for the 13th Prize, to be awarded in 2025, is **June 15, 2025**.

ADRESSE DE LA COMMISSION DE SELECTION ET INFORMATION

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