

17^H PAULO GONTIJO AWARD RULES AND ELIGIBILITY - 2025

The Paulo Gontijo Institute (PGI) aims to encourage and recognize outstanding research on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) through the Paulo Gontijo Award (PG Award). The PG Award promotes competitive and high-quality scientific research by young investigators.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the PG Awards, the applicants must meet all the criteria below:

- The award is annually granted to researchers investigating Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis mainly to understand its causes and seek new treatments.
- The candidates must be basic or clinical researchers. Other health professionals involved in ALS research are also encouraged to participate.
- Be under 40 years old at the time of the application.
- Demonstrate an active interest in research in the ALS field.
- Must have relevant publications in high-impact scientific journals which were accepted for publication within the two years preceding the application.

Award

The PG Award includes:

- A gold medal.
- USD 10,000 (ten thousand US dollars).
- Free registration for the 36th International Symposium on ALS/MND.
- Free registration for the ENCAL 2026 meeting.

Application Submission

The application is online. All the documents should be submitted via <http://www.ipg.org.br/premiopg>. The registration is only valid after all the required documents are presented and the automated submission protocol was generated and received by email. At the time of registration, the candidates are required to submit:

- A copy of the Curriculum Vitae, an email address, and a valid proof of identity (ID card, passport, driving license with a photo, etc.)
- A PDF copy of the article which is being submitted to the award. The work must be published in a high-impact, peer-reviewed journal. Additional publications will not be accepted.
- If the study has not been published yet, submit a confirmation letter. Additional files and documents will not be considered during the evaluation process.



Deadlines

- Application period: from 14 July to September 13th, 2025, at Evaluation period: from September 16th to October 18th, 2025.

Entries submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

The Judging Committee and Results

- The Judging Committee is composed of international scientific authorities involved with ALS research.
- Results will be announced in October 2025 on the website <http://www.ipg.org.br>.
- The winner will be notified by email.

Conditions

- The candidate acknowledges and agrees with the rules and conditions of this award.
- Any submitted proposals involving a PG award winner from previous years will not be evaluated.
- *If the study has not been published yet, please submit a confirmation letter from the Editor informing that manuscript was fully accepted. Additional files and documents will not be considered during the evaluation process.*
- The candidate automatically agrees that the Paulo Gontijo Institute may promote the winner's research in Institutional publications by applying. The winner grants the Institute the right to announce, at its discretion, the final result.
- The winner will present their research in the awards ceremony during the opening session of the 36th International Symposium on ALS/MND on December 05th, 2025. The International Symposium is the biggest annual conference dedicated to ALS and MND research. Each year we bring together researchers from around the world to share a new understanding of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and motor neurone disease.
- The decision of the judging committee is final and cannot be contested.

***The legal taxes on the award will be deducted from the total prize value.**

Judging Committee - 2025:

Mamede de Carvalho

Orla Hardiman

Brian Dickie

Hiroshi Mitsumoto

Francisco Rotta

Alfredo Iacoangelli



36th International Symposium on ALS/MND

The International Symposium is the biggest annual conference dedicated to ALS and MND research. Each year we bring together researchers from around the world to share new understanding of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and motor neurone disease.

This year's event will take place in San Diego, USA on 5-7 December 2025.

<https://symposium.mndassociation.org/>

For further questions, write to: pgaward@ipg.org.br