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“One Health” Prize 2026

To mark the 60th anniversary of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the Fondation Mérieux and the Franco-German University (FGU) are aiming to **boost scientific cooperation in the worldwide battle against cancer by launching the “One Health Prize 2026”**.

Although many countries are involved in the race to improve cancer prevention and therapeutic options, for the research to be successful there are still numerous scientific, technological and biological obstacles to be overcome.

With the world pinning its hopes on scientists, the Franco-German University and the Fondation Mérieux, with the support of the International Agency for Research on Cancer, wish to **reward a Franco-German pair of young researchers** with recognised achievements in cancer research.

This international prize is worth **€10,000**, which will be evenly shared between the two winners (€5,000 each).

Fields: exact sciences; humanities and social sciences

Topics: epidemiology; oncology; human, animal and environmental health

The prize is intended to stimulate discussion and reflection about how to beat cancer. It is also a way of drawing international attention to European research being conducted in this field.

The central challenge is to find ways of improving health and providing access to the best care.

1. Award criteria:

- pair of young researchers with a Franco-German element
- maximum of **10 years’ professional experience** after defence of dissertation or PhD
- completion of scientific research at the intersection of different disciplines (biology, chemistry, medicine, pharmacy, philosophy, history, law, etc.), the impact of which has been demonstrated through objective indicators for research and/or innovation, such as publication or reporting in peer-reviewed journals, protocols, patents, etc.
- major works and publications must form part of a Franco-German collaboration or a training and research programme undertaken in both France and Germany
- the application documents should outline current and future scientific projects and opportunities which will enable the research and/or contributions recognised by the prize to be applied internationally.



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2. Award ceremony:

The award ceremony for the “**One Health Prize**” will be held **between 19 and 21 May 2026 in the Christophe Mérieux auditorium at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon**, and attended by the winners and the award partners.

3. How to apply:

The application documents should be emailed by **30 November 2025, in English and in PDF format**, to the following address: prix_sante_planetaire@dfh-ufa.org.

They must include the following:

- Names of candidates, with professional and personal contact details (email and telephone)
- Brief biography (**max 1 page**) detailing candidates' professional experience, awards, publications (max 10) and/or patents
- Description (**max 2 pages**) of the major contributions justifying award of the prize, with an emphasis on the importance of Franco-German collaboration and/or a bi-national training and research programme undertaken by the candidates
- Description (**max 2 pages**) of current and future scientific projects and opportunities that will enable the research and/or contributions justifying the prize to be applied internationally
- **Two letters of recommendation** from high-level scientific representatives at French and German institutions at which the researchers either conducted their training and research programme or made the contributions justifying the prize.

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