

Conditions of Entry for VII Prize for Research and Innovation concerning PERSONS with Learning Disabilities

The Fundació Ampans works for People with learning disabilities in order to create opportunities allowing them to have the maximum possible independence and quality of life.

1. Any individual aged over 18 can apply for the Prize individually or collectively (institutions, universities, entities or public or private companies) with representation or head office within the Spanish state, the European Union and South America.
2. Entries can be submitted in the following languages: Catalan, Spanish, English and French. The rewarded will have to present a copy of the work in Spanish, in the supposition that in a term of 45 days do not send the version in Spanish the authors authorise AMPANS to his translation.
3. Entries must cover any subject or specific aspect concerning persons with learning and developmental disabilities.
4. They must be original and unpublished, and the date for realising them must not be more than three years after the contest is opened.
5. Prizes will be awarded to the best three studies in the research strand and to the best three studies in the innovation strand, and consist of:
 - Research:
 - First prize: €5,000 and publication
 - Second prize: €3,000 and publication
 - Third prize: €1,000 and publication
 - Innovation:
 - First prize: €5,000 and publication
 - Second prize: €3,000 and publication
 - Third prize: €1,000 and publication

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6. Entries must be between 50 and 100 pages DIN-A4 in length, and will be preceded by a summary of a maximum of 70 lines which, adequately, explains the content of the research or innovative practice.
7. They will be submitted in hard copy, printed on one side with single line spacing and font type Arial size 12, although smaller fonts (minimum 10 points) can be used for graphs and illustrations. Papers must be written and submitted in hard copy and electronic format (CD or USB) containing the paper in “word” and “pdf” files.
8. Entries must include the bibliography used and graphs, tables, photographs or other elements that may help to assess the research or innovative practice can be used.
9. Entries must be sent in a package or envelope, by registered post, to the following address: FUNDACIÓ AMPANS, Apartat de Correus 410 - 08240 Manresa (Barcelona).
10. The deadline for submission of entries is **31 December 2017** at 14:00.
11. It is necessary to register first, filling in the form found at www.ampans.cat
12. The documentation will be submitted in two sealed envelopes stating the following on the exterior: envelope 1 or envelope 2, the title of the paper, and stating the strand for which the submission is made –Research or Innovation–, and the following documentation:
 - **Envelope 1:** Entry in hard copy and in electronic format pdf and word (CD or USB), not showing the names of the authors or any other information identifying the author or institution to which they belong.
 - **Envelope 2:**
 - For individuals: proof of registration, CV and photocopy of identity card or passport of author(s).
 - For legal entities: proof of registration, photocopy of identity card of all participants; photocopy of identity card and authorisation of representative of the organisation, photocopy of tax identification card with number; photocopy of duly authenticated Articles of Association.
13. Entries submitted will not be returned. The organising entity does not assume liability for any loss or damage to the originals, or delays or other circumstances attributable to the postal service or third parties and which may affect sending of applications for the Prize.



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14. By submitting an entry for the Prize, participants accept these conditions and undertake not to withdraw their work once it is submitted to the contest.
15. The prize will be awarded by a Committee chaired by the President of AMPANS, or any person to whom he delegates this responsibility; this Committee will be composed of a minimum of three and maximum of seven members, who will be appointed by the President of AMPANS from among internationally recognised figures connected with the care of and research on persons with learning disabilities.
16. The prizes will be awarded by a majority of votes and it may be declared that they are not awarded if deemed appropriate by the Committee. The Committee's decision cannot be appealed.
17. The general assessment criteria that will be used are as follows: adaptation to population studied, methodology, results, applicability, innovative aspects, theoretical framework and impact on quality of life.
18. The Committee's verdict will be given within three months from the deadline for submission of entries and all participants will be notified of it in writing.
19. The winners authorise publication and/or dissemination of their work by AMPANS, without profit, although this dissemination does not entail assignment or limitation of the property rights to the winning entries, including those resulting from intellectual or industrial property.
20. The prizes will be awarded at a public ceremony which will have the appropriate significance, formality and publicity; this entails acceptance of assignment of image rights, exclusively for dissemination of the Prize.
21. To receive the award, the persons or prize-winning entities will have to gather it personally at the public ceremony. They will have to designate a representative to gather it in case they could not do it personally.

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