**Application form**

**Spierfonds Impact Award**

2025

The Spierfonds Impact Award is a prize for a young researcher who has made one concrete and valuable achievement in the past year, demonstrating significant scientific and/or societal impact in the neuromuscular field. The aim of this award is to recognize and reward young distinguished researchers, inspiring and encouraging them to continue enriching the neuromuscular field with their dedication and contributions.

*Ensure that the application is completed in comprehensive writing understandable to all jury member*

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| **1** | **APPLICANT** | |
| Name | |  |
| University/Institute | |  |
| Department | |  |
| Job title | |  |
| Postal address | |  |
| Phone | |  |
| Email address | |  |
| Date of PhD defense or starting date of PhD | |  |
| Recommender(s) | |  |

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| **2** | **IMPACT** |
| **a** | **Why are you qualified to receive this award? What specific achievement have you made between October 1, 2024, and October 1, 2025?** (max. 200 words)  *\* Note that it concerns one specific achievement within the specified period.* |
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| **b** | **How has your contribution had scientific and/or societal impact? Will it have impact in the short-term or the long-term?** (max. 150 words) |
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| **c** | **How do you envision any subsequent actions? How do you plan to continue your contribution?** (max. 200 words) |
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| **3** | **PROFILE OF APPLICANT** |
| **a** | **Academic profile** (max. 300 words)  Provide a brief narrative description of your academic profile. You can focus on achievements (other than output) and delve into your research focus and vision for the neuromuscular field. You could describe your position in the (inter)national academic field, your motivation for conducting research on neuromuscular disorders, and the academic and societal potential of your work. |
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| **b** | **Key output** (max. 250 words)  List up to 5 key output items, to be ranked based on relevance, with a brief explanation of why you consider each as the most important output. All types of output that are relevant to your profile, the field, society, or the application can be mentioned. Think of (creative) communication materials, concrete initiatives such as patient days or information provision, scientific results (papers, thesis), collaboration within and across domains and disciplines, any previous awards or recognitions that illustrate your impact, and so on. |
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| **c** | **How do you see the future neuromuscular field; what essential developments do you identify in it - and how do you see your role within it?** (max. 200 words) |
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| **d** | **Describe your personal ambition within the neuromuscular field - how do you visualize your future career path?** (max. 200 words) |
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| **e** | **What message or recommendation would you like to convey to the neuromuscular field?** (max. 100 words)  We encourage you to think with a fresh and bold perspective, this applies to all areas; whether it's in terms of content or organization, advice for young researchers or even more senior ones, advice for the Spierfonds. |
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