

4th OBERLING–HAGUENAU FONDATION ARC THESIS AWARD

Rules and regulations

Opening: September 7, 2026

Closing: October 26, 2026, at noon

I – Preamble

Doctor Françoise Haguenau, founder of the Charles Oberling Fund, had entrusted the management of the dedicated "Oberling" fund to the Fondation ARC since its creation in 1980. Since its inception, this fund has awarded prizes to researchers in recognition of their contributions to cancer research.

In November 2018, in memory of the work of Professor Charles Oberling and Doctor Françoise Haguenau, and in order to provide long-term support for cancer research, the « Fondation Oberling-Haguenau » - under the management of the Fondation - ARC was created.

The Oberling-Haguenau Fondation is managed directly by the Fondation ARC, and its mission is to support long-term research by actively promoting cancer research, through the awarding of "Oberling Haguenau Fondation ARC" Awards.

The present rules set out the terms and conditions of the 2026 Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Award.

II – Objectives of the Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Prize

The Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Award is designed to reward a young PhD in cancerology for the excellence and originality of his / her thesis work, carried out in France, while encouraging him/her to pursue a career in academic research.

The Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Award is endowed with €5,000 for personal use. The prize will be awarded annually.

III – Terms and conditions

To be eligible for the Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Award, candidates must meet the following criteria:

Have completed a thesis in oncology in France (PhD)

Thesis defended between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2026

Have at least one article:

- Original
- Related to thesis work
- Signed as 1st author or 1st co-author
- Published or "accepted" at the closing date of the call, i.e. October 26, 2026
- In a journal with a high impact factor in the specific field of research

In addition to proof of eligibility, the application must include the following elements:

- A resume
- A motivation letter detailing:
 - The reasons for the commitment to a Ph.D. program
 - The reasons for the application to the Award
 - Plans for a career in academic research
- A detailed summary of the thesis work and a description of its impact
- A letter of recommendation from the thesis supervisor showing strong support for the application
- If available: proof of career in academic research

The application file must be submitted and validated by the candidate, no later than noon on October 26, 2026, on our platform:

<https://appelsaprojets.fondation-arc.org/>

IV – Jury

Fondation ARC's Scientific board is responsible for assessing the applications and selecting the laureate.

Fondation ARC's board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Fondation ARC's Scientific board, will designate the laureate.

V – Amount granted and use of funds

The Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Award Prize is endowed with €5,000 for personal use.

VI – Award ceremony

The Oberling-Haguenau Fondation ARC Thesis Award will be awarded at an in-person event, in April 2027, in Paris. The presence of the laureate is mandatory.