

LES TROPHÉES^{*}

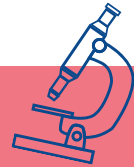
Climat & Biodiversité

The Maud Fontenoy Foundation, in partnership with the FORVIA Foundation, is pleased to invite you to participate in the first trophies whose objective is to support student researchers involved in research and the development of solutions for and through the Ocean.

Who can participate?

All doctoral level students. The trophies are open to students from French doctoral schools, universities or affiliated laboratories, as well as to students from equivalent foreign schools or those participating in European and international doctoral programs.

Objective



Support and promote student projects in scientific, technological and industrial research around climate issues and the preservation of biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the advantages of marine biodiversity and the preservation of the Ocean in general, within the framework of the solutions studied.



AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Supported by exceptional biodiversity, the ocean environment is the primary climate regulator of our planetary ecosystem: it holds many solutions currently being studied or remaining to be studied. These solutions, which depend on the proper functioning of marine ecosystems, are also threatened by human activities: pollution, warming of surface waters, overexploitation, eutrophication, etc.

According to the latest IPCC Report, their preservation and restoration constitute a key axis in the fight against climate change.

Through these trophies, the two foundations wish to identify innovative solutions for the preservation of the oceans or the development of industrial or technological solutions that respect the environment and are inspired by the ingenuity of marine biodiversity.

The aim is to demonstrate that ocean ecosystems are not only essential to the balance of our planet, but also the best allies in the fight against climate change.



THEMATIC

In order to encourage a greater number of applications, only one major theme will be proposed this year:

“Oceans: innovating to preserve” Innovative solutions for climate and biodiversity

Main criteria

- **Completeness of the file.** The submitted project must be presented as requested on the registration form accessible online.
- **Current or future application of the solution.** The solutions studied should ideally describe their potential in terms of application, and present a concrete example of their current or future effectiveness.
- **Circularity.** The presence of a virtuous circle (environmental, social or economic dimension of the solution) will be highly appreciated.
- **Validity.** Depending on the nature of the solution studied, particular attention will be paid to its technical and/or scientific coherence.

Endowments

These grants can be used to support a need for materials, innovative equipment, international mobility, field experimentation, operating funds, finance an entrepreneurial project, etc.

- *1er prix : 25 000 €*
- *2nd prize: €15,000*
- *3rd prize: €10,000*
- *Special Jury Prize: €5,000*



Jury



Our jury is composed of members of the Maud Fontenoy Foundation and the FORVIA Foundation, researchers recognized in their field, as well as members of leading scientific and technological institutional partners.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Projects are submitted by the student candidate whose research project is supervised by a French doctoral school and a thesis director, or their equivalent abroad.

The grant is paid to the structure that hosts and supervises the research of the winner. The structure must then ensure the use of the grant received within the framework of the project presented. It commits to this in writing which must be attached to the student's application file.

Registration of applications and submission of files is done via the dedicated online platform: <https://maudfontenoyfoundation.plateformecandidature.com>

Application Deadline

Candidates have until Sunday, March 16, 2025 to register and submit their application online. The jury will meet in March. The results will be announced in April. The winners will then be invited to an awards ceremony organized at the end of May by the foundation, around World Oceans Day.



Contact

For any questions and requests for additional information, we invite you to contact us at this address:
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Maud Fontenoy Foundation
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FORVIA
Foundation

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