



ZENDAL

VI International Zendal Awards



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1. ZENDAL GROUP

ZENDAL is a biopharmaceutical group focused on the research, development, manufacturing, and commercialization of vaccines and other products for human and animal health.

2. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ZENDAL's mission is to contribute to improving quality of life through the research and development of medicines, particularly vaccines, aimed at preventing diseases in both humans and animals.

We recognize that human and animal health are interconnected with ecosystem preservation and wellbeing. For this reason, sustainability and biodiversity promotion are fully integrated into the company's lines of work.

The challenge of researching, developing, and manufacturing new products for human or animal health must be met with an integrative perspective, considering all living beings and the environment.

Within this framework, the 6th edition of the International ZENDAL Awards is announced, aiming to disseminate, promote knowledge, and reward research in the field of biotechnology at a global level.

3. THE AWARDS

The awards are intended for public or private institutions (universities, research centers, hospitals, foundations, startups, NGOs, government bodies) developing projects in human or animal health related to prevention, vaccines, biotechnology, and the One Health concept.

Award categories:

- **Human Health Award:** Grant to a public or private institution (university, government entity, NGO, foundation, research group, startup, etc.) whose mission is to improve human health and prevention. Grant amount: €40,000, to be reinvested in the awarded project.
- **Animal Health Award:** Grant to a public or private institution whose mission is to improve animal health and prevention. Grant amount: €25,000, to be reinvested in the awarded project.

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Honorary Award: Honorary recognition to an individual who has significantly contributed to the development of biotechnology, vaccines, or prevention from a One Health perspective. This award will be presented as a formal distinction.

4. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications must be submitted in Spanish or English through the official form available at www.zendal.com. Each application must include:

- **Application form**
- **Letter of support:** Candidatures may be endorsed by a person or institution linked to the applicant institution or the research field (external to the project), such as a university rector or other relevant figure.
- **Project report** (max. 5 pages, Word format, Times New Roman 12, 1.5 line spacing, Vancouver style), including:
 - Project title
 - Award category
 - Hosting institution
 - Details of the Principal Investigator and team
 - Abstract (max. 300 words)
 - Background and justification
 - Objectives
 - Methodology
 - Expected results and impact
 - References
- **Additional information** (optional): PI CV, expected benefits, innovation aspects, key success factors or barriers.

Multiple projects per researcher or institution may be submitted, but duplicate submissions of the same project are not allowed. Projects may be in any phase prior to commercialization.

5. JURY

The jury will be freely appointed by ZENDAL Group management and will include two independent members, one in human health and one in animal health. The jury will consist of renowned experts in biotechnology and health, made public in each edition. It will also include a chairperson and a secretary from ZENDAL Group, with the secretary holding no voting rights.

Deliberations, working documents, and voting results will remain confidential and are not subject to appeal.

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6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Selection process: The jury will award points to each candidate, and the project with the highest score in each category will be declared the winner. Only one project per category will be awarded. Projects will be evaluated based on:

- Scientific and technical quality
- Feasibility and applicability
- Degree of innovation
- Knowledge transfer
- Impact on health, wellbeing, and sustainability

In case of a tie, the jury chairperson will cast the deciding vote.

The jury will act with rigor, independence, and impartiality.

Should no application meet the requirements or objectives of the awards, the jury may declare the award void.

The jury is also empowered, in conjunction with ZENDAL Group management, to resolve any issues regarding interpretation of these rules.

The jury's decision will be announced on www.zendal.com in October 2025. The decision is final.

7. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

From June 2 to September 19, 2025, until 23:59 (Spain time).

8. AWARD CEREMONY

The awards will be presented at a public event in November 2025 in Vigo (Pontevedra).

Award recipients must be present at the ceremony. In the case of team awards, the team may be represented by up to three members.

Additionally, recipients agree to participate in the outreach and communication activities organized around the event and authorize the ZENDAL Group to disseminate all information related to the awards. ZENDAL may share information regarding the awards and the awardees.

9. DATA PROTECTION AND INFORMATION USE

This call will comply with applicable personal data protection laws. Submitting an application implies acceptance of these rules and the final decision, which is not subject to appeal.

ZENDAL reserves the right to amend the rules to clarify or refine their content, provided such changes are not substantial or arbitrary.

GENERAL CONDITIONS ZENDAL may cancel or modify the competition for justified reasons and is entitled to use the image and voice of awardees for communication and institutional promotion purposes.

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10. ACCEPTANCE AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Submitting an application does not prevent participation in future editions. By submitting an application, participants fully accept these rules. ZENDAL reserves the right to cancel the competition in whole or in part for reasons beyond its control, without liability. Award recipients grant ZENDAL, free of charge, the rights to use their image and voice to promote the awards and their results. This consent will be formalized prior to the awards ceremony.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Inquiries related to the awards should be sent to: zendalawards@zendal.com +34 986 330 400 ext. 323