

RULES

FARM FOUNDATION 2026 PRIZE

Theme and justification of the Prize

In Southern countries, agricultural development and food and nutritional security stand as pivotal issues shaping the lives of millions of people, particularly producers and consumers. In the face of demographic, economic, climatic, and geopolitical challenges, fostering sustainable food systems is imperative. A paradigm shift towards sustainable and productive agricultural models that accelerates agroecological transformation, allows for the protection of biodiversity and soils while enhancing social equity and fair remuneration for producers in a context of strengthening food sovereignty is unavoidable.

Scaling Up Solutions

Solutions are now available and tested worldwide to sustainably increase productivity - where it is still too low - and the living conditions of producers. A key challenge lies in scaling up these solutions. However, today, investment in research, entrepreneurship, and public action to scale up, popularize methods, and offer a secure economic and technical environment for producers is insufficient. Moreover, the existing links between these different ecosystems of actors are not strong enough today.

Building Bridges Between Research and Action

The FARM Foundation, with its unique positioning at the crossroads of research, business strategies, and public policies, considers that bringing these worlds closer together is essential. This is why it encourages action-oriented research and the building of coalitions of actors in its programs.

Through the FARM Foundation Prize, the Foundation wishes to promote action-oriented research and synergies between science, the private sector, and public policies, so that research concretely contributes to improving the living conditions of rural populations and the development of sustainable food systems in Southern countries.

This Prize, launched in 2024, aims to reward researchers who are committed to this path around the Foundation's priority action themes:

- Promoting the resilience of agriculture to climate change and sustainable management of natural resources
- Improving South/North supply conditions and consumption patterns through the promotion of fair market conditions for producers, consumer health, and rational input management
- Acting to mobilize funding to transform agricultural and food systems
- Developing public policies ensuring food security and sovereignty and strengthening coordination between sector and territorial actors

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Objectives of the FARM Foundation Prize

- Reward a person whose academic excellence has been recognized by obtaining a PhD and through publications or research activities, and who aligns with the objectives of the Prize.

- Promote and reward action-oriented research and the application of research results in the field of agricultural development and food security in developing countries.
- Enhance collaborations between research, the private sector, and public policies.
- Recognize the academic excellence of scientific work conducted with actors and operators in agricultural and food sectors.
- Stimulating research on the Foundation FARM's priority areas of action.

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Selection criteria and application procedure

The Prize will reward one or more researchers whose work has an applied character in the field with actors such as companies, agricultural producer organizations, NGOs, or has contributed to supporting public policies in developing countries. Candidates must illustrate their contribution, based on their research, to the implementation of field actions and/or decision-making among private or public actors.

The Prize is open to **all researchers (m/f) with the exception of nationals of countries in the World Bank's "high income" category**¹. Dual nationals are eligible, including those with one of the two nationalities from a high-income country.

The candidate must **hold a PhD**, in any discipline, belong to or be affiliated with a French or foreign research institutions. The jury will be sensitive to the recent nature of the research or actions conducted by the candidate and attentive to promoting young researchers.

The candidate certifies that they have no family ties with an employee of the FARM Foundation and/or a member of its governance bodies.

Applications in French or English are accepted. Applications grouping several researchers are not accepted. Those who have already applied can do so again, except for successful candidates.

Candidates must submit their application via this link : <https://fondation-farm.org/apply-for-the-2026-farm-prize/> **before June 15, 2025, at 11:59 PM (Paris time).**

The application file must contain (in PDF format) the following mandatory elements:

- Detailed CV (including name, surname, postal address, email, phone, nationality, date of birth)
- Relevant publications (at least 2, maximum 5) representative of the candidate's scientific production.
- Summary document of 2 pages maximum presenting the motivations for obtaining the Prize as well as the interest and originality of the contribution.
- Letter of recommendation from at least one technical partner (companies, NGOs, administration, etc.) with whom the candidate has worked for the consideration and/or implementation of their research in the field.

Only complete files submitted before the closing date and time will be considered.

Composition of the jury

¹ Germany, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Saudi Arabia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, South Korea, Croatia, Curaçao, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, Spain, Estonia, United States, Finland, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Guam, Guyana, Hong Kong (China), Hungary, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Faroe Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Ireland, Iceland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao (China), Malta, Monaco, Nauru, Norway, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Oman, Palau, Panama, Netherlands, Poland, French Polynesia, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Slovak Republic (Slovakia), Czech Republic (Czechia), Romania, United Kingdom (UK), Russia (Russian Federation), Saint Kitts and Nevis (St. Kitts and Nevis), San Marino, American Samoa (Samoa), Seychelles, Singapore, Sint Maarten (Dutch part), Slovenia (Slovénie), Sweden (Suède), Switzerland (Suisse), Taiwan (China), Trinidad and Tobago (Trinité-et-Tobago), Uruguay.

To ensure a rigorous and impartial assessment of the applications, the jury will consist of members of the FARM Foundation Scientific Council and a member of the Board.

The President of the jury will be the President of the FARM Foundation Scientific Council.

The jury is sovereign in its deliberations. These deliberations, confidential, are not subject to any contestation or appeal in any manner or nature whatsoever by the candidates.

Endowment and benefits

- Total Prize amount: €5,000. This endowment may, depending on the applications, be divided among one or two laureates.
- Publication(s) on the FARM Foundation website and promotion of the work on a dedicated page
- Announcement of the laureate(s) at the FARM Foundation's international conference.
- Media visibility for the laureate and their work.

The FARM Foundation will cover the travel expenses (transport and accommodation) of the laureate(s) to participate in the international conference.

The winner authorizes the use of their work for communication and promotion purposes related to the Prize. He or she commits to sharing with the FARM Foundation any elements demonstrating the impact of receiving the prize and the associated grant (press articles, new projects, scientific publications, etc.) during the two years following the awarding of the Prize.

Timeline

- Launch of the call for applications for the 2026 edition on April 7, 2025
- Submission of applications before June 15, 11:59 PM (Paris time)
- Analysis of applications by the jury between July and October 2025
- Award ceremony at the 2026 FARM International Conference

Secretariat of the prize will be undertaken by the FARM Foundation. Any enquiries should be addressed at prixfarm@fondation-farm.org.

Participation in the FARM Prize and acceptance of the award imply unconditional acceptance and adherence to these rules.

About the FARM Foundation

Created in 2005 in France, the FARM Foundation (Fondation pour l'agriculture et la ruralité dans le monde), recognized to be of public utility, works towards serving the general interest.

Its mission is to inform decision-makers on the best ways to ensure the sustainable development of agriculture and food systems, particularly in developing countries.

FARM is a think tank whose ambition is to contribute to the identification of solutions and the acceleration of their implementation to strengthen the resilience of rural territories and farming systems.

FARM facilitates interactions and projects between field actors & researchers, producers & consumers, public & private decision-makers in the South and the North.

FARM informs stakeholders and decision-makers on the paths to take for a balanced agricultural development between economic, social and environmental issues.