

SANOFI Chronic Respiratory Diseases Awards 2025

The "**Sanofi Chronic Respiratory Diseases Awards**" provide funding for research projects in the field of chronic respiratory diseases, particularly in asthma, COPD or bronchiectasis, where unmet medical needs remain high.

These awards aim to promote excellence in basic and clinical research by supporting (promising) projects that offer concrete solutions to improve respiratory health.

One Clinical Award will focus on improving the management and care of these chronic respiratory diseases.

One Basic Research Award will aim to enhance the understanding of their underlying mechanisms.

Selected candidates are encouraged to work in close collaboration with the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS) and the Belgian Lung Foundation (BeLF) for the performance of their projects.

RULES

Art 1

The Sanofi Chronic Respiratory Diseases Awards support two research projects in asthma, COPD or bronchiectasis, aiming to advance both clinical care and scientific understanding. One Clinical Award will focus on improving disease management, while one Basic Research Award will deepen insight into underlying mechanisms.

Art 2

The call for applications for the Sanofi Chronic Respiratory Diseases Awards 2025 is organized by the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS).

Art 3

The candidates are compulsorily members of the Belgian Respiratory Society (BeRS). They must be of Belgian or foreign nationality and will carry out their future research project in Belgium. The candidate must be under 45 years of age.

Art 4

Each candidate may make only one submission per year for one of the awards.

The same candidate may receive the award for maximum two consecutive years, provided that the 2nd application represents a continuation of the 1st application.

Art 5

The Sanofi Basic Award amounts to €2,000 as personal award and €3,000 for the continuation of the research.

The Sanofi Clinical Award amounts to €2,000 as personal award and €5,000 euro for the continuation of the research.

Art 6

The application form and the project application should be submitted to the BeRS Office by mail (info@bers.be) by Friday 5th December 2025 at midnight at the latest. Forms received after this date will not be considered.

Art 7

Each project application shall comply with the following conditions of submission

1. Sanofi basic award in chronic respiratory diseases
 - Fundamental basic research in the field of asthma, COPD or bronchiectasis
 - No previous financial support or pending application
 - The research is carried out in Belgium
 - Project application of max. 3 pages (background, objectives, methods, impact, budget)
 - The following documents are to be submitted with the application
 - o Short CV (max. 2 pages)
2. Sanofi clinical award in chronic respiratory diseases
 - Clinical or translational research in the field of asthma, COPD or bronchiectasis
 - No previous financial support or pending application
 - The research is carried out in Belgium
 - Project application of max. 3 pages (background, objectives, methods, impact, budget)
 - The following documents are to be submitted with the application
 - o Short CV (max. 2 pages)

Art 8

The jury for the Sanofi Basic Award is represented by a Steering Committee consisting of members of the BeRS “Basic Science” working group, the BeRS Scientific council chairs and the President of the Belgian Lung Foundation. Candidates for these awards cannot sit on the jury. The Steering Committee will make a blind preselection and the project applications will be ranked based on their scientific value.

Art 9

The jury for the Sanofi Clinical Award is composed of members of the BeRS Board and the President of the Belgian Lung Foundation. Candidates for these awards cannot sit on the jury. The Steering Committee will make a blind preselection and the project applications will be ranked based on their scientific and clinical value.

Art 10

The Awards, organized in collaboration with Sanofi, will be officially presented during the Awards Ceremony at the annual Belgian Pneumology Days congress. Under normal circumstances, the BeRS Scientific Council communicates the jury’s decision no later than one week before the congress. However, exceptionally this year, the names of the two award winners will be revealed during the official Awards Ceremony itself. All candidates are therefore kindly requested to attend the ceremony on Friday evening.

Art 11

The two winners of the Sanofi Awards 2025 are normally invited to the Belgian Pneumology Days 2025 to present their project application in the form of a poster. However, exceptionally this year, all candidates will be invited to attend the Belgian Pneumology Days 2025 as well as the official Awards Ceremony. No poster presentation will be requested from the candidates this year.