

THE GRUPO SIRO FOUNDATION AWARD FOR AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH



One of the established purposes of the Grupo Siro Foundation is to foster research, and the announcement of this award represents an expression of its dedication to promoting this aspect as a tool for the enhancement of the agri-food sector.

The Siro Group Foundation Agri-food Research Award is intended to recognise and incentivise research efforts in what is a vital field for sustainable economic development and social well-being, spotlighting and supporting the dissemination of outstanding studies in terms of innovation and application which represents the basis for social progress.

Competition terms

1.- Object

The object of the award applies to projects the content of which addresses "the innovation and technological application of agricultural developments intended for the production of cereal crops, and specifically the development of the wheat value chain".

Awards will likewise be given to projects focusing on cereal crops other than wheat and/or agricultural techniques which, through their indirect contribution to the wheat value chain, have a beneficial effect on the cultivation of this crop.

The projects must take into consideration the sustainability of the countryside, the optimisation of agricultural tasks, the coherent use of fertilisers and phytosanitary products and efficiency in crop rotation, in all cases on the basis of wheat growing.

Technological application and innovation must focus on the usage of wheat for human consumption.

2.- Entrants

The award is open to individuals or research and/or innovation groups in the public and private spheres whose projects are connected with the field of agriculture.

Award entrants guarantee the legitimate existence and ownership of intellectual property rights over the projects submitted, declaring that the publication, dissemination, reproduction, distribution and transformation thereof will not violate or infringe third-party rights.

3.- Economic Endowment

The Grupo Siro Foundation Award has an endowment of 15,000 euros.

The Grupo Siro Foundation Runner-up Award has an endowment of 5,000 euros.

The Runner-up Award is granted to projects undertaken in the Castilla León Region, given the Grupo Siro Foundation's commitment to its surrounding context and main area of operations.

The award may be granted on an equal basis to two or more individuals, entities, associations or institutions.

The Grupo Siro Foundation may declare the granting of the awards to be abandoned in whole or in part if the projects submitted do not, in the judgment of the Jury, attain the required quality in order to be chosen.

Distribution of the award and the runner-up prize are subject to the tax regulations in force in Spain.

The award must be used for the professional enhancement of the recipients, their knowledge and/or management of new advances in the subjects covered by the winning proposal(s).

Those projects not receiving an award may be collected by the entrants within a period of one month after the Jury's decision, or will otherwise be destroyed following expiry of the stated period.

4.- Documentation and sub

- Project Report (maximum 50 pages in length), including:

-Descriptive report detailing the work performed, the singularity of the measures adopted and the results obtained.

-Executive summary of no more than two pages, in Spanish and English.

-Brief description of the reasons why the candidates believe they are worthy of the award.

-Specific use which would be made of the award if the entry is successful.

-CV of the entrant(s), or where applicable information about the institution (report demonstrating the activities in which it is engaged).

-Photocopy of National Identity Document, in the case of individuals, or the tax identification code of the entrant if an entity

5.- Deadlines and method for presentation of entries

The deadline for the presentation of research projects will be midnight on 30 April 2015.
The documentation required must be sent or presented in hard and soft copy to the following address:

THE GRUPO SIRO FOUNDATION
Polígono Industrial de Venta de Baños
Calle Tren Rápido, s/n
Venta de Baños (Palencia) 34200

6.- Additional criteria

In addition to the terms established in the object of this award, consideration will be given to the following criteria:

- The distinctive contribution regarding the quality of the end product for which the wheat is intended.
- Technological applications and innovations must demonstrate their contribution to improving the quality of the products and the efficacy of agricultural processes, and also the development of new, innovative products on the domestic and international markets.

The projects must be headed by individuals or groups whose efforts focus on a significant contribution by the studies to the achievement of an outstanding and distinct advantage over competitors.

7.- Jury

The Jury will be appointed by the Grupo Siro Foundation. It will be made up of at least ten and no more than thirty members, including individuals of established scientific, academic, institutional and business standing in the activities forming the object of the award, so as to guarantee to the greatest possible extent the suitability, competence and independence thereof.

The definitive appointments will be made within one month of the deadline for the presentation of projects. The composition of the Jury will be published on the website and in all other media channels used to announce the Award.

The award decision will be published. All entrants will be informed, and the announcement will be posted on the website of the Siro Group Foundation and in the media.
The award will be handed out at a ceremony to be staged at the San Pelayo del Cerrato Monastery in Cevico Navero. The individual or the representative of the team winning the award undertakes to attend the awards ceremony. Travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by the Foundation

The Jury will be assisted by a pre-selection of projects performed by a Technical Committee appointed by the Siro Group Foundation, comprising scientists of established standing, notwithstanding the full freedom of the Jury to select any of the objects presented as the most suitable award winner. The list of projects presented with information regarding the title and author will be available to the Jury, which will be entitled to consult any project presented.

8.- Intellectual Property Rights

The granting of the Award will entail the winning author or authors assigning to the Grupo Siro Foundation, on a non-exclusive basis, the rights to exploit the award-winning work, including, purely by way of example, reproduction, distribution, public communication, transformation and, in general, for all modes of exploitation and known channels of dissemination, in all countries and languages of the world, for a period of five years. For its part the Grupo Siro Foundation undertakes to cite the name of the author of the award-winning project whenever it is published, disseminated, reproduced or distributed, in whole or in part. The authors will thus retain their rights of exploitation over the award-winning work, an agreement being established with the Grupo Siro Foundation on the terms set out above.

The granting of the award presupposes that, over a period of 3 years and subject to no territorial limit, in the event of interest on the part of the Siro Group Foundation, the author of the award-winning project will exclusively assign to the Grupo Siro Foundation or any of the constituent companies of said Group all rights, except for the rights of exploitation referred to in the above paragraph, over the award-winning work, allowing the usage thereof for their business activities. The Grupo Siro Foundation must inform the award-winner in writing of its desire to exercise said assignment within a maximum period of 6 months of the granting of the award



9.- Guarantees

The Grupo Siro Foundation guarantees the confidentiality of the entries and projects submitted for the award, and will fully comply with the legislation in force regarding intellectual property and personal data protection.

The presentation of entries constitutes acceptance by the entrants of all the regulations set out in this announcement.

