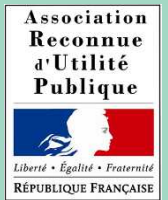
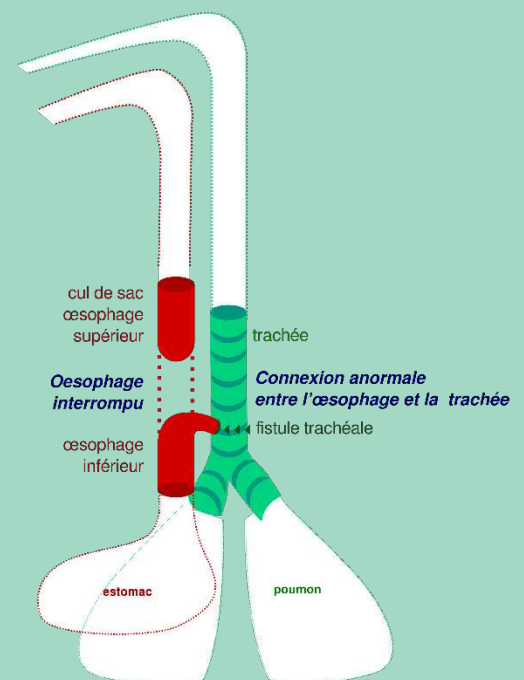


To improve the treatment of
Esophageal-related pathologies



Fanny Selenia Prize 2026

biotherapy embryology
pneumology cell therapy
genetics surgery gastroenterology
epidemiology minimally invasive surgery



Fanny-Selena Prize

Due to the rare nature of esophageal pathologies, research project that aim to improve awareness and the treatment of these pathologies are few and far between. Since 2007, the French Association for esophageal atresia (AFAO – Association Française de l'Atresie de L'Oesophage) has regularly asked for applications for the Prix Fanny-Selena (prior to 2017, the Prix Fanny) in memory of two girls who passed away as a result of their disease.



The prize has enabled research to be initiated with a clear focus on the esophagus; an essential, functional but under-researched organ.

In the last 18 years, €240 000 have been allocated to research projects and 23 awards attributed.

2026 Fanny-Selena Prize's Rules

The 2026 Fanny-Selena Prize will be awarded by AFAO, an NGO founded in 2002, whose head office is located at 56 rue Cécile 94700 Maisons-Alfort, France. The association is chaired by Ms. Viviane Armand. The amount of the 2025 Fanny-Selena Prize will depend on the association's fundraising efforts for the current year (usually 15,000 euros).

To apply for the 2026 Fanny-Selena Prize, candidates must complete the application form below and then send it to: contact@afao.asso.fr until May 21th, 2026.

The proposals will be reviewed and adjudged by a scientific panel selected by the AFAO. This panel will study the projects and designate the winner of the Fanny-Selena Prize according to the following criteria:

- Originality (compared to international research and knowledge of the disease)
- Feasibility (competent team, suitable staff, adequate amount requested, details of amounts committed, etc.)
- Scientific quality (methodology, appropriate information, rational explanation of these committed amounts, etc.)
- Interest for the patient (management or understanding of the disease)
- Quality of the document

The association will send the candidates their evaluations and will announce the successful candidate on July 1st, 2026. The winner will be awarded his prize on July 4th, 2026 during the Association's Family Day in Maisons-Alfort (France). The winner will have to present his project.

Any publications, posters or oral communication resulting from work funded in whole or in part by the 2026 Fanny-Selena Prize (Prix Fanny-Selena) must mention the contribution of AFAO.

Any clinical research project must mention the necessary regulatory authorizations, obtained or foreseen. Any research project involving the participation of animals must respect and make mention of the provisions concerning the application of the regulations on animal testing.

The funds that will not be used by July the 1st, 2027 by the winning research team for the winning project will be returned to AFAO.

The association reserves the right to cancel this prize for any reason. If this is the case, the association will inform the candidates as soon as possible by email.

For any further information: 06 68 62 82 37 – contact@afao.asso.fr



The scientific panel

- Professeur Frédéric Auber – Chirurgien Pédiatre – CHRU Hôpital Jean Minjot
- Professeur Pierre Cattani – Chirurgien digestif (adulte) – Hôpital Saint-Louis
- Docteur Céline Cretolle – Chirurgien Pédiatre – Responsable du MAREP Hôpital Necker Enfants-Malades
- Professeur Ralph Epaud – Pneumologue, Pédiatre – Centre Hospitalier Intercommunal de Créteil
- Docteur Myriam Jugie – Médecin Pédiatre Réanimatrice – Hôpital Necker Enfants-Malades
- Professeur Stanislas Lyonnet – Généticien, professeur de génétique et directeur de l'Institut Imagine – Hôpital Necker Enfants-Malades
- Docteur Véronique Rousseau – Chirurgien viscéral – Hôpital Necker Enfants-Malades
- Docteur Rony Sfeir - Chirurgien infantile - Centre de Référence des Affections Malformatives de l'Œsophage (CRACMO) - CHU Lille

Application Form

1. Main Information
2. Main Publications of Applicant
3. Project Manager's Project Team
4. Provisional Budget
5. Expertise
6. Research Project (maximum: 7 pages)



Please send the application to: contact@afao.asso.fr
Application must be sent latest: 21th may 2026.

1. Main Information

Project title

Project manager	
Surname	
Name	
Email address	
Telephone	
Address	
Organism / Hospital / Research laboratory	

Topic(s)
☐ Barrett's Esophagus ☐ Esophageal Atresia Epidemiology ☐ Esophageal Atresia Genetics ☐ Esophageal Embryology ☐ Esophageal Stenosis ☐ Evaluating Anti-Reflux Issues in Children Operated on for Esophageal Atresia ☐ Long term effects of IPP (Impedance at Peak Pressure) ☐ Respiratory After Effects ☐ Retrospective Databases ☐ Tissue Bio-engineering ☐ Treatment of Esophago tracheal Fistulas ☐ Video surgery ☐ Eosinophilic esophagitis

Project Summary

Maximum 15 lines

Be clear: objectives, methodology, anticipated results, prospects

Project summary in French

Simplified Summary in french

To inform our donors of the projects funded by our association, please provide a simplified summary of your project intended for the public (maximum 10 lines) and specifying:

The Objective

Interest for the treatment of Esophageal Atresia

2. Main Publications of Applicant in the Last 3 Years

Article	Date of publication

3. Project Manager's Project Team

Personnel participating in the Project (including the Project Manager)

5. Expertise

⇒ Indicate below the name and e-mail of French and / or international experts competent in the field of the submitted project

Name	Email Address	Country	Organism / Hospital / Research laboratory

⇒ Indicate below the names of French and / or international experts to whom the project should not be communicated, for reasons of confidentiality and / or conflict of interest

Name	Email Address	Country	Organism / Hospital / Research laboratory

6. Research Project

maximum: 7 pages

Describe your project by indicating:

- ⇒ **Main Objective: clearly demonstrate the project's relevance**
- ⇒ **Project**
- ⇒ **Expected results and timelines**
- ⇒ **Subject Bibliography and personal results achieved**
(Clearly detail the main results achieved by your team and / or by other teams that justifies kicking off or continuing the project)