



AstraZeneca Foundation

Mission

The mission of the AstraZeneca Foundation is to bring science and society closer together. What drives us is the fact that there is still room for improvement in the areas of transforming investment in research into patient wellbeing. By translating scientific progress into specific benefits for society, we want to strongly emphasise the essential role research plays for the patient. Research is a key part of the chain starting with a single molecule and finally leading to a medicine for the patient.

Commitment

In order to achieve our mission, we have made a commitment in the following three domains.

- 🔗 The AstraZeneca Foundation supports and stimulates Translational Research to find practical applications for the most recent discoveries made in fundamental research. Our aim is to advance the transfer to, and fast translation of, knowledge and innovative technologies into diagnoses and treatments to benefit the patient. Together with the Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen (FWO) and the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS), the AstraZeneca Foundation awarded a prize of EUR 50,000 in 2012 for innovative scientific research in this field.
- 🔗 Together with the FWO and the F.R.S.-FNRS, the AstraZeneca Foundation annually awards Scientific Prizes to original and/or in-depth contributions to a specific medical field. Three prizes are granted every year to researchers who have carried out important work in a specific therapeutic field. Four prizes, each of which worth EUR 25,000, will be awarded in 2016, in the fields of Oncology, Bioinformatics, and Cardiovascular/Metabolic Diseases.
- 🔗 In collaboration with the Académie Royale de Médecine de Belgique (ARMB) and the Koninklijke Academie voor Geneeskunde van België (KAGB), the AstraZeneca Foundation entered into a 6 year partnership by awarding an award of EUR 50,000 every other year. The prize will be granted in the field of biomedical scientific research that has led to, or has a high likelihood of leading to significant improvement of human health.

- 🔗 The AstraZeneca Foundation encourages the social debate on the importance of clinical research and by doing so, aims to create a framework in which scientific progress can benefit society.

About AstraZeneca Foundation

The AstraZeneca Foundation was established by AstraZeneca under an independent structure. The Foundation was established in 1993 as a result of new insights with regard to innovation in the fields of medication, medical techniques and management, and guidelines for the healthcare sector. New perspectives on the social and ethical responsibility of all stakeholders in the medical world also played an important role in this regard. The pharmaceutical industry is one of the key stakeholders in this area, seeing its continuous efforts to offer innovative clinical solutions to current and future medical needs.

The AstraZeneca Foundation wants to make a social commitment in Belgium ensuring that its efforts have a positive impact on the lives of patients and on society at large. Since 1993, the Foundation has already invested EUR 4.7 million to reach this goal.

Board of Directors

The AstraZeneca Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors under the current ad interim chairmanship of Prof. Dr G. De Backer.

