

# LES TROPHÉES

## Climat & Biodiversité



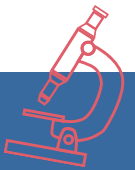
The **Maud Fontenoy Foundation**, in partnership with the **FORVIA Foundation**, is delighted to invite you to take part in the first trophies, which aim to support student researchers involved in the research and development of solutions for and by the Ocean.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All doctoral students. The trophies are open to students from French doctoral schools, as well as to students from equivalent foreign schools or those participating in European and international doctoral programs.

### OBJECTIF

To support and encourage student scientific, technological and industrial research projects focusing on the challenges of climate change and the preservation of biodiversity. Particular emphasis is placed on the **benefits of marine biodiversity and ocean preservation** in general, as part of the solutions studied.



### AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

**Supported by an exceptional biodiversity, the ocean environment is the 1st climate regulator of our planetary ecosystem:** it holds many solutions that are currently being studied or that remain to be studied. These solutions, which depend on the proper functioning of marine ecosystems, are also threatened by human activities: pollution, warming of surface waters, overexploitation, eutrophication...

According to the latest IPCC report, preserving and restoring these ecosystems is a key factor in the fight against climate change.

Through these awards, the two foundations aim to identify promising **solutions for preserving the oceans or developing environmentally-friendly industrial or technological solutions inspired by the ingenuity of marine biodiversity.**

The aim is to demonstrate that **ocean ecosystems are not only essential to the balance of our planet, but also the best allies in the fight against climate change.**



## THEMES

Applicants can submit their applications under one or more of the following themes:

- 1) Innovative solutions for industrial water treatment and the fight against microplastics.**
- 2) Biomimicry and materials: marine biodiversity inspires industry.**
- 3) Climate: decarbonizing the economy through ocean biotechnologies.**

## THE MAIN CRITERIA

- **Completeness of the application.** The project submitted must be presented as requested on the online registration form.
- **Present or future application of the solution.** The solutions studied should ideally describe their potential in terms of application, and present a concrete **example** of their present or future effectiveness.
- **Circularity.** The presence of a virtuous circle (environmental, social or economic dimension of the solution) will be highly appreciated.
- **Validity.** Depending on the nature of the solution studied, particular attention will be paid to its technical and/or scientific coherence.



## THE DIFFERENT PRIZES

**Each theme is rewarded with three prizes.**

They can be used to support a need for materials, innovative equipment, international mobility, field experimentation, operating funds, financing an entrepreneurial project, etc.

- **1st prize for each theme: €10,000**
- **2nd prize for each theme: €5,000**
- **3rd prize for each theme: €2,000**



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

*projects are submitted by the student candidate whose research project is supervised by a French doctoral school and a thesis director, or their equivalent abroad.*

*The endowment is paid to the organization hosting and supervising the winner's research. The structure must then ensure that the endowment received is used for the project presented. It undertakes to do so in writing, which must be attached to the student's application file.*

*Applications are registered and submitted via the dedicated online platform: <https://maudfontenoyfoundation.platfomecandidature.com>*



## THE JURY

*Our jury is made up of members of the Maud Fontenoy Foundation and the Fondation FORVIA, researchers recognized in their field, and members of leading scientific and technological institutional partners.*



## PLANNING

*Candidates have **until April 15, 2024** to register and submit their application online. The jury will meet in May. The results will be announced between late May and early June. The winners will then be invited to an awards ceremony organized by the Foundation in early June, to coincide with World Ocean Day.*



## CONTACT

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at the following address: [secretariat@maudfontenoyfoundation.fr](mailto:secretariat@maudfontenoyfoundation.fr)



Maud Fontenoy Foundation

Since 2008, the Maud Fontenoy Foundation has been working in France and abroad to preserve our oceans. It carries out ocean education initiatives with the support of its scientific partners and the French Ministry of Education.

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**FORVIA**  
Foundation

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