The objectives of the Fürst Donnersmarck Foundation, Berlin, founded in 1916, are the rehabilitation of people with physical and multiple disabilities as well as the promotion of scientific research in this field. The foundation has about 700 employees active in the fields of rehabilitation, education and tourism.
The Board of Trustees of the Fürst Donnersmarck Foundation Berlin, a foundation dedicated to the rehabilitation of persons with physical and multiple disabilities, awards a research prize for neuro-rehabilitation on a triennial basis.

The total prize money of EUR 30,000 can be distributed between more than one winner. Up to five additional commendations can be awarded covering the amounting to EUR 3,000.

The prize is awarded to current scientific research work in the field of neurological rehabilitation of persons with acquired damage to the nervous system. The work should focus on post-clinical long-term rehabilitation. The prize recognises interdisciplinary rehabilitation strategies and methods, as well as the examination of scientific effectiveness and efficiency (outcome research), and how these developments meet the special needs of rehabilitation providers, funding bodies and political institutions (socio-economic effects). Works from the recent field of participation research, which directly include persons with disabilities in the research process, will be treated with particular consideration.

Approved for submission are academic dissertations and theses, published project reports, book publications and specialist journal articles in German or English, which have been completed within the past two years.

The prize will be awarded by the foundation’s Board of Trustees on the basis of the recommendation of a jury comprising scientists and physicians active in the field of rehabilitation.

Works produced under the responsibility, supervision, in co-authorship, authorship or – as the case may be – assistance by any member of the jury are excluded from participation in the research prize.

For application, please enclose the following documents:
1. The scientific paper(s) or dissertation, together with a summary
2. A justification for the submission in terms of the goals of the prize
3. A curriculum vitae with your scientific career
4. A signed declaration that your work has not been produced under the responsibility, supervision, in co-authorship, authorship or assistance by any member of the jury.

The decision of the trustees is final and cannot be contested.

Applications must be submitted in PDF format by 30th June 2018 to: forschungspreis@fdst.de

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In 1916, Count Guido Henckel, Prince of Donnersmarck, set up the Fürst Donnersmarck Foundation in Berlin as a „major convalescence and treatment clinic“ for war wounded, together with a „research centre for the scientific study and therapeutic evaluation of the medical experience gained in the current war“.

Today, the foundation operates institutions for the rehabilitation and support of persons with physical and multiple disabilities. At the same time, it has also set itself the goal of supporting research work in the field of rehabilitation.

In 2006, to mark the foundation’s 90th anniversary, it established a research prize in the field of neuro-rehabilitation. The prize will be awarded for the fifth time in 2018.