The objectives of the Fürst Donnersmarck Foundation, Berlin, founded in 1916, are the rehabilitation of people living 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 people living with physical and multiple disabilities, awards a research prize for neuro-rehabilitation on a triennial basis.

The total prize money of €30,000 can be distributed between more than one winner. Up to five additional commendations of €3,000 each can also be awarded.

The prize is awarded to current scientific research work in the field of the 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 specific 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 receive special consideration.

Submissions can comprise 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 by a jury comprising scientists and physicians active in the field of rehabilitation.

Works produced under the responsibility or supervision of, in co-authorship, authorship or with assistance from any member of the jury are excluded from participation in the research prize.

To apply, 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 or supervision of, in co-authorship or authorship or with assistance from any member of the jury.

The decision of the trustees is final.

Applications must be submitted in PDF format by 30th June 2021 to: forschungspreis@fdst.de

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