

## **RULES OF THE SOPRA STERIA – INSTITUT DE FRANCE GRAND PRIZE**

The Sopra Steria – Institut de France Foundation, located at 23 quai Conti, Paris 6th, a foundation under the aegis of the Institut de France and represented by its President, Mr Xavier Darcos, Chancellor of the Institut de France, organizes a competition entitled: “Sopra Steria– Institut de France Grand Prize”. Information is available on the Institut de France website.

The Sopra Steria – Institut de France foundation is hereinafter referred to as “the Foundation”.

### **Article 1 – Purpose of the Prize**

The Sopra Steria– Institut de France Grand Prize, organized by the Foundation, has the following topic : “Artificial Intelligence and Responsible and Sustainable Technologies”.

This scientific prize aims to reward research work carried out by one or more researchers within an “entity”, such as a university, institute, research laboratory, or any other non-profit and public interest organization located in Europe.

The work must be conducted with the aim of contributing to scientific knowledge on the impacts of artificial intelligence, and/or minimizing these impacts, and/or exploring the prospects for the development of AI for the common good.

The Prize may include a sub-theme, which will be validated by the Board of the Foundation.

The research project must already be initiated, and progress monitoring its results must already be in place. The Prize is not intended to fund a new idea or the launch of a new initiative.

### **Article 2 – Prize Amount**

The amount of the Prize is one hundred thousand euros (€100,000).

Whether awarded to a legal entity or an individual, the Prize amount must enable the winner(s) to increase their capacity to pursue the objectives set out in Article 1.

### **Article 3 – Eligibility Requirements**

#### **3.1 – Eligibility Requirements**

The Sopra Steria – Institut de France Grand Prize is open, regardless of nationality, to a scientific research team, represented by:

- either a legal entity, meeting the “entity” criteria described above;

- either one or more individuals (up to three), jointly presenting their research work carried out as part of a joint initiative.

Persons involved directly or indirectly in organizing and/or running the Prize, experts, Jury members, administrators, their family members, members of the Institut and correspondents, as well as staff of the Institut and the founding company, are not eligible to participate.

### **3.2 – Application**

The required application materials, deadline, and submission procedures are set each year in the call for applications.

Applicants guarantee the accuracy of the information they provide and must justify it if requested by the selection bodies or competition organizers.

## **Article 4 – Evaluation Criteria and Selection of the Winner**

### **4.1 – Jury Composition**

A Jury for the Grand Prize is established by the Foundation. The Jury, composed of up to seven people, is chaired by a member of the Institut de France, appointed by the Chancellor. It may include any Academician or particularly qualified individual. The list of Jury members, proposed by its chair, is approved by the chair of the Board of the Foundation. Members are appointed for three years.

### **4.2 – Evaluation Criteria**

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the values and objectives of the Sopra Steria – Institut de France foundation
- Relevance of the application to the purpose of the Prize,
- Usefulness of the research and its interest for the common good,
- Quality and excellence of the research,
- Quality of the project leaders.

Other criteria may be specified in the call for applications.

#### **4.3 – Jury Deliberation and Selection of Winner(s)**

Jury members evaluate the work eligible for selection. The chair reports the Jury’s discussions to the Board of the Foundation and presents two candidates, ranked in order of preference.

Each year, the Jury meets at least once to decide on the applications received. Depending on the quality and number of applications, or in exceptional circumstances, the Jury may decide not to award the Prize or to postpone it. In such cases, candidates will be informed of the postponement or cancellation.

The Board of the Foundation, presided over by the Chancellor of the Institut de France, makes the final decision on the winner(s).

#### **Article 5 – Announcement and Award of the Prize**

The Grand Prize is awarded at the Institut de France during the formal ceremony announcing the foundations’ Grand Prizes , which the winner(s) must attend.

#### **Article 6 – Communication**

The winner(s) authorize the Foundation and the Institut de France to:

- communicate about the awarding of these Prizes (mentioning their name, activity, using their logo, etc.),
- use photographs and films taken during the award ceremony for promotional or public relations purposes, without conferring any right to remuneration or any other form of benefit.

The winner(s) are authorized to communicate on the Prize. The full name “Sopra Steria – Institut de France foundation” must always be mentioned.

Photographs and videos may be used as part of the Foundation’s communication and promotional activities, to all audiences, in any form and on any media, known or unknown to date, worldwide, without time limitation, in whole or in part.

The Foundation expressly agrees not to use images in a way that could harm the privacy, reputation, dignity, or integrity of the persons concerned.

#### **Article 7 – Protection of Personal Data**

All personal data will be kept for the duration of the competition in compliance with current regulations. The data will then be kept for a reasonable period for archiving purposes.

The data processed is intended for authorized persons at the Institut de France, as well as its possible subcontractors and partners.

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In accordance with the amended “Informatique et Libertés” law and the General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679) (GDPR), candidates are informed by these Regulations of their right to withdraw their consent to the processing of their personal data by the Foundation at any time and that they have not been compelled to consent to such processing. They have the right to access, rectify, or erase their personal data, to request restriction of processing, to object on legitimate grounds, and to request data portability. Finally, candidates have the right to define general and specific directives regarding how these rights should be exercised after their death.

These rights may be exercised by mentioning the name of the relevant Foundation, either by email to: [delegue-protection-donnees@institutdefrance.fr](mailto:delegue-protection-donnees@institutdefrance.fr), or by post to the Data Protection Officer of the Institut de France, Legal Affairs Department, 23 quai de Conti, 75006 Paris.

### **Article 8 – Disputes and Liability**

Participation in this competition implies unreserved acceptance of these regulations.

These regulations are subject to French law.

The Foundation cannot be held liable if, due to force majeure or unforeseen events beyond its control, the competition is cancelled, postponed, or modified, or the competition period is shortened.

The Foundation reserves the right in all cases to extend the participation period, postpone any announced date, or cancel the competition at any time.

The Foundation cannot be held responsible for any damage related to a suspension, interruption, or malfunction of any kind, for any reason whatsoever.

**The Chancellor of the Institut de France  
President of the Foundation**

**Xavier DARCOS**