

*#Sir John Eccles Foundation Award 2024 / City of Bellinzona*

*"Between Neuroscience and the Humanities"*

Purpose

The Sir John Eccles Foundation Prize ([www.ecclesfoundation.org](http://www.ecclesfoundation.org)) is aimed at enhancing the dialogue between the humanities and the bio-medical disciplines in the study and understanding of human mind, believing that the complexity of the mind requires an interdisciplinary approach in a novel perspective of what may be termed 'neurohumanities'.

The collaboration between the City of Bellinzona and the Sir John Eccles Foundation (FJE) is intended to support the development potential of Bellinzona's scientific pole.

Applications and evaluation criteria

Scientific articles (published or in the process of publication) as well as synthesis of master's or doctoral theses will be retained, realized by students at universities belonging to Swiss universities (Universities of Applied Sciences, Universities and Polytechnics), emphasising the interdisciplinary aspects of research on the human mind.

The call for submissions is addressed both to applicants from the bio-medical and more generally scientific fields, as well as those from the humanities and the arts.

The evaluation of the papers will not only be based on criteria of quality and originality, but also with respect to the ability to bring into dialogue and integrate the humanistic perspective with the scientific one, or the scientific with the humanistic one, in the study of the mind.

Languages and formal criteria

Papers are accepted in Italian, German, French and English, in word or pdf format.

There is no length limit for articles already published or in the process of publication.

Synthesis of master's or doctoral theses must not exceed 1500 words, excluding bibliography.

Each type of text must be accompanied by an abstract in English.

Articles must have been published and theses presented within the last five years.

### Documentation and deadlines

The text and abstract, accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the candidate, must be sent to [info@ecclesfoundation.org](mailto:info@ecclesfoundation.org) by **29 February 2024** (new deadline!).

The decision will follow by mid-April 2024.

The award ceremony will be held during the FJE Neurohumanities Meeting, which will take place in Bellinzona on 26 April 2024.

### Prizes and awards

A prize of CHF 1'000 will be awarded, with the possibility of presenting the work at the FJE's autumn symposium in 2024 at the Centro Monte Verità in Ascona.

### Evaluation commission

The evaluation commission consists of six members, representing various disciplines and institutions:

- Prof. Antonio Loprieno, University of Basel (*Science* - President of the Jury)
- Lic. Phil. Guenda Bernegger, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (*Philosophy* - project co-ordinator for the FJE)
- Dr. Rosalba Morese, Università della Svizzera italiana (*Psychology and Neuroscience*)
- Prof. Fabio Minazzi, Insubria University (*Philosophy*)
- Prof. Anita Lüthi, University of Lausanne (*Neuroscience*)
- Prof. Maria Teresa Ferretti, University of Vienna and Karolinska Institute (*Neuroscience*)