

Descroix-Vernier EthicScience Prize: The unique french Award for Non-Animal Research

Facing the lack of public funding and political will in favor of alternative methods to animal experimentation, Pro Anima created the EthicScience Fund and Prize in 2013. The objective is to **participate in the development of research programs free of animal experimentation and based on the most advanced and effective scientific and technological knowledge.**

In 2023, to celebrate its 10 years anniversary, the EthicScience Prize became the Descroix-Vernier EthicScience Prize

Three categories



Innovation 50k€



**Development &
Applicability 50k€**



**Forward-Looking
Project 10k€**

**110 000 €
awarded
in 2023**

“ We tend to forget this, but researchers are lifesavers. Thanks to them, every day, thousands of lives are saved around the world. The men and women who have been recognized, this evening, are saving both human and animal lives. They are contributing to scientific progress and raising ethical standards. Their work deserves to be both encouraged and promoted. ”

**Jean-Baptiste Descroix-Vernier
Descroix-Vernier Foundation**

“ With regard to non-animal research, we must demonstrate without delay that we can do better and differently than with animal experimentation. ”

**Christiane Laupie-Koechlin
Founder of Pro Anima
Scientific Committee**

2013

The Fund and the EthicScience Prize are created by Pro Anima and its founder Christiane Laupie- Koechlin

1st prize awarded to OncoTheis & Epithelix: three-dimensional modeling of cancer tumors using human tissue

2014



2016

Prize awarded to Atoxigen for a new synthetic skin model for testing chemical compounds

Prize awarded to LCSB (Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine) for the development of a "mini-brain" based on stem cells

2018



2020

Prize awarded to the AOP (Anti Oxidant Power) lab for the development of the Lucs/VALITOX cell toxicology test

Pro anima and the Descroix-Vernier Foundation join forces and the prize is renamed "Descroix-Vernier EthicScience"

2022



2023



- Innovation: [FEMTO-ST 3D Glimpse - Tumor-on-chip to fight glioblastoma](#)
- Development: [Cancer Research Center of Lyon - Maintaining patient's tumor ex vivo](#)
- Jury prize: [NEXPOCAN \(CRCL\) - Next generation patient derived organoid for cancer modeling](#)

2025

Next
edition
coming up

[Read more on the awarded programs](#)

Descroix-Vernier EthicScience Prize: 2025 edition

Application and selection criteria

Project leader should be from a French lab or institution. International collaborations with French leader/ co-leader are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposal submission, evaluation, selection and approval procedure will ensure a simple, transparent, fully science and technology-driven and competitive proposal evaluation and selection process, reflecting our open and inclusive principles.



Innovation: open to any research field (biomedical and toxicology), aims to acknowledge disrupting and innovative research tool or discovery



Development & Applicability: Focus on existing data and tools integration (i.e., in silico method that integrates available toxicology tests with epidemiology) that can be applied for dose-response assessment for human health



Forward-Looking Project: no specific criteria, aims to encourage promising research and/or a team with regard to the exceptional quality of its work

Strategic and selection committee

- **Prof Jean-François Narbonne:** Doctor in molecular biology and toxicologist, former expert with national and international health agencies (ANSES, CSHPF, Council of Europe, EFSA, UNEP)
- **Dr Marc Veilly:** Doctor in veterinary medicine, MBA HEC Paris
- **Dr Jean-Pierre Cravedi:** Toxicologist, president of Conseil Scientifique of Aprifel, former expert with ANSES and EFSA
- **Dr Marco Straccia:** Founder of FRESI and SCIENCE&STRATEGY SL
- **Sophie Léon and Dr Julien Marie:** 2023 DVES Price Laureates
- **Dr Nathalie Printemps:** Doctor of Pharmacy, regulatory toxicologist at Corteva Agriscience
- **Dr Hanan Osman-Ponchet :** Founder and CEO of PKDERM



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Timeline



“

*The few that we can do, the very few
that we can do, must be done for
honor, but without illusion*

”

Théodore Monod
Honorary Chairman
(1989-1999)



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- Network with actors of choice during the award ceremony.



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