

Rules for the Oskar Fischer Prize (OFP)

Purpose:

The Oskar Fischer Prize (OFP) is a competition designed to encourage freedom in sharing ideas that explain the cause of Alzheimer's disease ("AD"). Once the cause of the disease can be explained, pursuit of treatments and cures is likely to be more accurate and efficient. This global event invites submissions explaining the cause of AD through a literature review, systems approach, and/or the synthesis of multiple pieces of existing research ("Competition"). The top seven (7) best ideas describing the cause of AD, as selected by the Selection Committee in accordance with these rules, will win prizes further described herein.

1. Important Dates (may be subject to change, at the discretion of the Administrative Committee):
 - a. Competition opened: December 15, 2019
 - b. Competition closes: December 15, 2020, 11:59p.m. CST. Earlier submission is encouraged.
 - c. Entries must be submitted via EasyChair.org – Conference named: [OFP 2020](#)
 - d. Winners announced in early summer 2021

2. OFP Committees:
 - a. Administrative Committee – designated employees of the UTSA College of Sciences who administrate the Competition
 - b. Advisory Council – external volunteer experts from the scientific, business, and public policy fields who advise on rules, eligibility, and judging criteria
 - c. Jury Committee – external technical reviewers who will make recommendations to the Selection Committee
 - d. Selection Committee -independent committee who will decide the winners
 - e. No Committee members or their respective family members may submit an entry for the OFP

3. Eligibility:
 - a. Must be 18 years or older at the time of submission to participate in the Competition. No requirement to be a scientist.
 - b. Only one submission per individual (each a "Competitor") is allowed. No team entries are permitted/accepted. Competitor must affirm and agree that he or she has no employer related restrictions to submit the entry.
 - c. Competitor cannot reside in nor be governed by countries that are prohibited by law, regulation (including United States laws and regulations or other applicable export laws and regulations), treaty or administrative act from entering into trade relations (including export of technology) with the United States of America or its citizens. For additional information, please consult: www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx.

4. Submissions
 - a. Maximum of 10 pages in English, single-spaced (figures are optional and will not count towards the page limit)
 - i. Font size 11 points or larger
 - ii. Type density no more than 15 characters per linear inch
 - iii. Line spacing no more than six lines per vertical inch

- iv. Suggested fonts are Arial, Georgia, Helvetica or Palatino Linotype
 - b. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain copyright or other intellectual property permission for any non-original materials
 - c. No personally identifying information in text of submission
 - d. Competitor-identifying information will be input through EasyChair.org
 - e. Executive summary, 250 word maximum
 - f. Keywords, 5 maximum
 - g. Bibliography, no limit
- 5. Judging Submissions
 - a. Independent technical reviewers/jurists will evaluate entries based on the utilization of a systems approach, breadth of factors, and solid foundation synthesized into one clear and creative explanation of Alzheimer's disease and then make recommendations to a Selection Committee who will decide the winners.
 - b. Technical reviewers/jurists will be chosen based on: (1) their recognized contributions in the Alzheimer's disease field or related areas especially emerging areas of science and shifting scientific boundaries as well as on their grant history (especially high risk/high impact-type grants), publication history, professional status and/or record of accomplishments and review experience, (2) diversity with respect to geographic distribution, gender, race, and ethnicity of the panel, and (3) their breadth of expertise or capacity to appreciate and evaluate areas of science outside their immediate area of expertise.
 - c. The winners will be announced in early summer 2021.
 - d. All decisions of the Selection Committee are final and may not be appealed.
- 6. Prizes
 - a. One (1) grand prize of \$2,000,000. Two (2) second place prizes of \$500,000 each. Four (4) third place prizes of \$250,000 each.
 - b. Prize funds may be used at the discretion of the winners, subject to any restrictions they may be individually under.
 - c. Prizes will be paid in USD to a Competitor or designated representative of a Competitor who must be legally able to receive such and show proof therefor. Any taxes or fees are the responsibility of the prize winner. Competitors are encouraged to consult with their tax, legal and other advisors.
 - d. As may be requested by UTSA, all winners agree to cooperate with and participate in publicity and ceremonies regarding the Competition and/or prize, including use of their name, image and background/biographical information.
 - e. All Competitors who submit valid entries by the submission deadline will be notified of the prize decisions.
 - f. Determinations by the Selection Committee are final, in its sole discretion, and may not be appealed for any reason.
- 7. Intellectual Property
 - a. Except as otherwise may be set forth herein, UTSA makes no claim on, and is otherwise not responsible for, any intellectual property submitted by a Competitor. Third-party confidential, proprietary and/or highly personal information should not be submitted, and UTSA assumes no responsibility or liability for such.
 - b. By submitting an entry, the Competitor represents and warrants that he or she has the

right to grant, and does hereby grant, to UTSA a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, sublicensable and non-exclusive right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, and display any such content (in whole or in part) worldwide and/or to incorporate all or any portion of it in other works in any form, media or technology.

- c. Authorship of the submission will be maintained and fully credited.
- d. As a state institution, UTSA is subject to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA). Consequently, UTSA may be required to disclose or release, in whole or in part, the submissions or other materials provided in connection with the Competition, in response to requests made under the TPIA.
- e. Competitors shall not use UTSA or OFP related trademarks or other intellectual property without their prior written consent.

8. Limitation of liability

- a. UTSA shall not be liable to Competitor for any damages, claims, expenses or other costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) Competitor suffers or incurs as a result of Competitor's use of this site, participation in this Competition, or receipt of any prize. Under no circumstances will UTSA be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, punitive or consequential damages or for any damages in excess of \$100 regardless of the cause. Competitor agrees that he or she will be responsible for, and at UTSA's request, indemnify it from, third party claims arising out of information Competitor provides to UTSA in connection with this Competition, or from any breach by Competitor of these rules/terms.
- b. Competitor agrees that regardless of any statute or law to the contrary, any claim or cause of action arising out of or related to participation in this Competition, or use of this website, must be filed within one (1) year after such claim or cause of action accrues, or be forever barred.

9. Rules may be updated without notice

- a. These Rules may be changed or updated without prior notice, and the most recent version shall be determinative, in the sole discretion of UTSA.
- b. UTSA shall have the right to cancel or terminate this Competition at any time and for any reason, without liability to Competitors or anyone else.

10. Applicable law/Acknowledgement

The use of the website and any of the applications or programs offered through UTSA regarding the OFP, and this Competition (including the interpretation of these Rules), shall be governed by and enforced in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Texas, and the venue for any dispute shall be Bexar County, Texas.

By submitting an entry, each Competitor acknowledges receipt and understanding of these Rules and otherwise agrees to abide by the same.