**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS**

**GENERAL INSTRUCTION**

Applications must be typed in English.

The jury cannot accept unclear applications or applications where information is missing.

**APPLICATION CONDITIONS**

Applications must consist of research projects in the field of exposome.

Applications may include projects dealing with healthy skin, skin ageing and human conditions affecting the human skin and scalp.

Applications may address aspects that are relevant to fundamental and/or clinical science.

Applications may be conducted in any hospital, university, or other not-for-profit research institution.

Applications related to projects that are complete will not be considered.

Application will not be considered if they involve animal research or children below the age of six, or projects studying any product to be administered to human beings (including food supplements, herbal products, medical devices, medicinal or cosmetic products as well as any type of physical therapy or treatment).

The Vichy Exposome Grant may be used as additional funding. If so, it may be exclusively granted in combination with public funding.

Research projects will not be eligible if they are partially funded, directly or indirectly, through any private company involved in the pharmaceutical, medical or cosmetic field (including any competitor of COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL or any company involved in dermocosmetics research).

Each applicant warrants that the content of their applications is original and do not infringe the intellectual property rights and/or neighboring rights and/or image rights of any third party. Each applicant agrees to indemnify COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL against any claim, complaint and/or action by third parties, of any nature whatsoever.

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Should contain: name, business address with telephone number and email address, education and training, current and past professional positions, list of most important publications in the past five years.

**No more than 3 pages.**

**EXPOSOME RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

The research proposal must be formatted according to the **Vichy Exposome Grant Application Template** located on the Vichy Exposome Grant website, “Apply now” section.

**No more than 6 pages.**

**SIGNATURE (see last page)**

With your signature you agree to the conditions specified for the 2022 VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT.

**ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

The following criteria are considered for the purpose of evaluating the application:

Nature of project

* Project topic: relevance for skin exposome research
* Focus on interaction of different factors or on multiple exposome factors
* Originality of the research
* Scientific quality of the research and methodology

Feasibility of project

* Research location & equipment
* Regulatory status, according to local regulatory and ethics policy
* Level of funding to be able to complete the research project
* Schedule: planning of project launch and planning of result publication

Quality of the application

* Clarity of project aims
* Clarity of information provided
* Overall quality of the presentation of the project

Experience of applicant

* Scientific expertise of applicant (based on previous publication) and team involved in the project
* Ability to conduct the research project
* Experience or background on skin exposome research

Global mark for the project

* Relevance
* Potential to advance knowledge on & understanding of the skin exposome

**CONDITIONS TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH APPLICATIONS**

The Vichy Exposome Grant set up by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL, acting for its brand VICHY, consists of nine regional research grants & one publication prize to promote and encourage research into the skin exposome.

The research grants are awarded to projects originating from the following regions (i.e., 3 (three) grants for each area):

- Asia / Pacific

- Europe / North America

- Latin America / Africa / Middle East

The best application from each region is awarded a €15,000 research grant.

The second and third runner up applications are awarded a €5,000 research grant each.

One outstanding paper in a peer-reviewed journal on original research in the field of hormones and skin or hair will be awarded a €5,000 prize by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL.

(See specific conditions & instructions to apply for the publication prize).

An official announcement of the awardees will be made by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL in September 2022 during the 31st EADV Congress. The decision of the jury, based on the here above-mentioned assessment criteria, is unilateral and shall not be contested.

As a preliminary note, awardees understand and agree that such conditions will be further detailed through agreements that will be entered between the awardees and COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL once awardees have been selected.

The awardees notably understand and agree that the here above-mentioned financial amounts will be transferred from COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL to the university and/or entity they are affiliated with, to finance each respective awarded project. The awardees commit to inform accordingly the university and/or entity they are affiliated with, and to get their respective consent to facilitate such process.

Each awardee authorizes COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL to use his/her image in connection with the research project rewarded for the entire world, on any support, on a non-exclusive basis, for a 5-year period to begin as of the date of first use of the awardee’s image. The detailed use of such image rights will be detailed through the here above-mentioned agreements that will be entered between the awardees and COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL.

The term “Image” is understood as referring to the following set of attributes of personality, with his/her approved image, his/her name, his/her signature, and his/her professional designation(s).

This authorization is granted for press and public relation purposes (including during congresses), as well as internal, educational, or documentary information, on any print or electronic media (off-line and on-line such as the Internet) using all means and as per all the known of future processes, without limitation in number.

The awardee also agrees that COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL will be entitled to use, even partially, the content of his/her research projects for the entire world, on any support, on a non-exclusive basis, for a 5-year period to begin as of the date of first use of such content. Further details will be communicated in the frame of the here above-mentioned agreements to be entered between the awardee and COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL.

Each awardee represents and warrants that he/she holds the various certificates, accreditations, rights, and authorizations required for the present authorization, in particular from his professional governing body and the university and/or entity if he/she is affiliated with, if required. Under no circumstances may COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL’s liability be triggered in this regard.

COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL should be kept informed of all publications deriving from the award sponsored research.

Each awardee agrees to acknowledge COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL in his or her scientific publications deriving from the funded research with the following phrase: "The researcher is a recipient of the VICHY EXPOSOME GRANT".

The funded research may be presented to the press by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL or each awardee him or herself in partnership with VICHY Laboratoires.

If requested by COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL, each awardee undertakes to present the funded work, at a COSMETIQUE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL sponsored event. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred by each awardee in connection with this presentation will be reimbursed according to conditions mentioned in the here above-mentioned agreements.

The applicant declares that he/she agrees to the Vichy Exposome Grant conditions and that the information supplied in the application form is in accordance with the Vichy Exposome Grant and may be verified by members of the jury.

The jury guarantees strict confidentiality of all information provided by the applicant in his/her application form.

APPLICANT’S NAME: DATE:

SIGNATURE: PLACE: