

An overview of the BIAL Foundation

The BIAL Foundation was created in 1994 by BIAL in conjunction with the Council of Rectors of the Portuguese Universities, with the aim of fostering the scientific study of the human being from both physical and spiritual perspectives.

Prémio BIAL de Medicina Clínica

The Foundation manages the Prémio BIAL de Medicina Clínica, which is considered one of the most important awards in the field of health in Europe.

Since its establishment this award has had a significant impact on the scientific research community



BIAL Award in Biomedicine

The BIAL Award in Biomedicine was created in 2018 to extend the scope of the BIAL Foundation's activity and to acknowledge the most notable and relevant discoveries in the field of biomedicine.

The award, with a prize of €300,000, aims to recognise high quality, scientifically relevant research in the biomedical field published as of 1st January 2010. The Award will be granted bi-annually from 2019 onwards.

The BIAL Award in Biomedicine has the support of the President of the Portuguese Republic, the Council of Rectors of the Portuguese Universities and the European Medical Association.



Scientific research grants

The BIAL Foundation promotes grants aiming to encourage the research into healthy human being's physical and mental processes, arousing the interest of researchers in the fields of psychophysiology and parapsychology.

Support includes:



Beyond and Behind the Brain

The BIAL Foundation pursues a scientifically rigorous approach to some of the more debated and often neglected areas of psychophysiology and parapsychology.

Since 1996 the BIAL Foundation has organised symposia entitled 'Behind and Beyond the Brain'. Every two years this symposium brings together world-renowned experts in neurosciences and parapsychology, as well as a great number of researchers supported by the Foundation.

"Exceptional Experiences", "Consciousness and Brain", "Memory", "Emotions", "Intuition and Decision-making", "Sleep and Dreams", "Mind-matter Interactions", "Placebo effects, Healing and Meditation", or the most recent "Enhancing the Mind", were some of the themes.