



## The 2025 *Neuroscience of Pure Awareness* Prize

€ 20.000,-

For the best contribution to neuroscience that substantially advances our understanding of the neural mechanisms underlying the experience of pure awareness, either as a stand-alone phenomenon (e.g. during full-absorption episodes occurring during meditation practice or NREM sleep) or in combination with other forms of phenomenal content (e.g. during dual mindfulness practice or extended periods of non-dual awareness).

Submissions must take the form of a scientific paper presenting findings from an empirical study. Submissions can have a maximum of 8000 words (excluding the abstract, references, and any appendices and supplementary information). Submissions exceeding this word limit will not be considered. The paper need not have been submitted to a journal or published by the deadline, but if not, it must be available as a preprint when submitted for the prize. Preprints and papers published before 1 January 2025 are not eligible. Review or meta-analysis studies are also not eligible. The competition accepts joint submissions. A person may contribute to more than one submission, but can only be lead (first) or senior (last) author for one submission.

Please note that the jury does not serve as external reviewers.

**Jury:** Melanie Boly, Athena Demertzi, Karl Friston, Thomas Metzinger, Anil Seth, Heleen Slagter

**Deadline:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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