

## The 2024 *Computational Phenomenology of Pure Awareness* Prize

€ 20.000,-

For the best contribution to computational phenomenology that substantially advances our understanding of 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).

[This model](#) could serve as a possible starting point, but alternative and novel approaches (including those outside the active inference framework) are also welcome. Submissions should take the form of a scientific paper of less than 8000 words (excluding the abstract and any appendices and supplementary information). The paper need not have been submitted or published by the deadline, but if not, it should be available as a preprint. Preprints and papers published before 1 January 2024 are not eligible. The competition accepts joint submissions. Each submission must be accompanied by an ethical statement explaining how any risks of artificially creating phenomenal states or genuine conscious experiences, especially of suffering, and even if inadvertently, have been excluded. Each proposed model should be accompanied by 1) a working simulation (preferred) or sufficient conceptual/technical detail to specify a working simulation in principle; and 2) an explicit list of empirically testable predictions (preferred) or arguments for why the model is testable in principle, including detailed directions for investigation.

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**Deadline:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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