

ERS Awards Guidelines 2020

ERS Main Award in Novel Research in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

The ERS Main Award in Novel Research in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension of 20,000€ is supported by *Acceleron Pharma*. The Award is intended to provide support for novel research in this area. The Award is exclusively reserved to scientists and clinicians and must be used to further investigate the area of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

Application/Nomination

Applications and nominations for the Award can be submitted until the 30th June, 2020. Applicants and/or nominators must complete the online form and send them to scientific@ersnet.org.

Applicants are required to complete the application form and must include the following information:

- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages).
- List of the top ten original peer-reviewed publications (max. 10).
- Summary of the main career achievements and personal contribution to the field (1,000 words max.).
- Overview of the current research projects, future outcomes and areas of research that the award may be used to support. (500 words max.).
- Work hiatus details (if applicable)
- COI declaration form completed (Industry and Tobacco).

Eligibility criteria

- Research project submitted for funding should not have been previously sponsored by pharmaceutical industries.
- 60 years of age or under at the time of the application deadline (Early to intermediate career candidates are encouraged and will be prioritised).
- Must not be a previous Gold Medal awardee or have received any other ERS award or grant in the last three years.
- Active ERS Membership.
- Mandatory attendance at the ERS International Congress for the Opening Ceremony.
- ERS current Officers, staff members and consultants are not eligible for the ERS Gold Medals and other funding programmes (with the exception for Group Chairs, Group Secretaries, Associate Editors, National Delegates, Long-Range Planning Committees, Tobacco Control Committee, Environment and Health Committee, and Internal Auditors, provided that they are not officers in another committee).

Evaluation and Selection

Candidates are evaluated based on past years achievements and on their potential for future contribution to the scientific field. Only active scientists are eligible in order to ensure the use of funds in an on-going project. ERS strives to maintain a good gender balance and ethnical diversity in the profile of the selected applicants. Applications from researchers having undertaken a career break (e.g. parental leave, period working outside research, unemployment etc.) are encouraged. A dedicated committee of reviewers with specific expertise in the field of pulmonary arterial hypertension are selected to conduct the reviewing of applicants/nominees. Measures are taken to avoid biases during the reviewing and the process is overseen by the ERS Fellowships and Awards Director. A ranking list is issued based on the result and the top three candidates are presented for final selection during the Science Council. The selection is endorsed by the Executive Committee.

ERS Award prize

The funding is offered to the candidate's institution and must be used to fund research or a training project in the same field of the received Award. The awardees are offered a free registration to the virtual ERS International Congress in Vienna 2020.