

SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH
**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR
AWARD**

2009 Call for Nominations

Deadline: December 3, 2008

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

On behalf of the Society for Pediatric Research, the Young Investigator Selection Committee invites nominations for the 2009 Society for Pediatric Research Young Investigator Award. The highly prestigious Young Investigator Award honors the early achievements of scientists and physician-scientists engaged in a discovery-based career addressing diseases that affect children. The Award seeks to recognize past achievements and encourage the further ascendance of a research star. In addition to individual recognition, the Award honors the Department and Institution responsible for creating and preserving a research environment conducive to profound research accomplishment. Given annually since 1983, the Award has consistently recognized early and outstanding research accomplishments of leading scientists involved in pediatric research.

A single Award is presented annually. The Award includes a \$2,000 honorarium and provides resources to fund travel to the Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies. The Award recipient is expected to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the award and provide the Society with a research presentation.

Please be kind enough to give news of this announcement to outstanding physician-scientists eligible for the Award and to faculty members interested in nominating potential Awardees. The present Award provides an excellent opportunity to recognize both past and future contributions of an individual dedicated to unraveling the mysteries of childhood development or disease.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Simmons

Rebecca Simmons, M.D.
Chair, Young Investigator Award Selection Committee

STIPULATIONS FOR MAKING NOMINATIONS ~ YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

- ◆ The winning applicant is selected on the basis of published research and potential impact on childhood diseases.
- ◆ Nominees must be individuals who have completed not more than seven (7) years post training (residency or post-doctoral clinical or research fellowship) at the time of the 2009 PAS Meeting. Nominees must not hold a rank higher than Assistant Professor or equivalent rank. Nominators of candidates who have completed more than 7 years of **post training** due to interruptions in their research careers but who are otherwise eligible may request that the Committee waive this stipulation.
- ◆ Individuals with an M.D. and/or Ph.D. degree are encouraged to apply.
- ◆ The research work for which the award is made must have been undertaken after graduation from medical school or completion of the nominee's Ph.D.
- ◆ Nominations must be made by a member of the Society for Pediatric Research.
- ◆ A single award will be given, and notification will be made in late January 2009, regarding the selection of the awardee. In the event no outstanding application is submitted in a given year, the award will not be given.
- ◆ The awardee will be asked to present the research work during the Society for Pediatric Research Presidential Plenary session of the 2009 Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting. The presentation of the award will be made during the meeting. The awardee will be reimbursed for his/her travel expenses.
- ◆ The awardee will be solicited for a manuscript describing the research project. The manuscript will be considered for publication in *Pediatric Research* following a standard peer review process.
- ◆ The Committee for the Young Investigator Award will solely be responsible for the selection of the recipient.
- ◆ Members of the Selection Committee cannot nominate or support any nominations.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING NOMINATIONS ~ YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

1. Complete the nomination form for the candidate. The same instructions and process must be followed for individuals being renominated.
2. List and include manuscript(s) in which the research work (the basis for this nomination) is fully described. This could be in the form of preprint(s) or reprint(s) of manuscripts representing the fundamental research of the nominee. Maximum of five (5) key papers.
3. List other publications (list complete citations). Case reports, literature reviews and publications in which the nominee is not principal author should be submitted by title only.
4. Prepare nominator's essay. This must include a detailed explanation of the applicant's role in the research work submitted.
5. List and include letters of support. The nominator should solicit letters from established investigators in the nominee's field. These letters should provide a critical evaluation of the research work submitted for the award. The sponsor should screen the letters and include at least three but no more than five with the nomination.
6. Include a letter of support from the senior investigator (if other than the nominator) in whose laboratory the nominee carried out the research. Include dates, department and location of where research was carried out.
7. One set of completed nomination materials and all supporting documents must be received at the SPR Central Office by **December 3, 2008**.

Send complete packet to:

**Society for Pediatric Research
Young Investigator Award Committee**

3400 Research Forest Dr., Suite B7
The Woodlands, TX 77381



Society for Pediatric Research

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD ~ 2009 NOMINATION FORM

TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Full Name with Degree _____
Present Position / Title _____
Date of Appointment _____
Department/Division _____
Institution _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Fax Number _____
E-Mail Address _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Full Name with Degree _____
Present Position / Title _____
Department/Division _____
Institution _____
Street _____
City, State, Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____
Fax Number _____
E-Mail Address _____

Name of Sponsor responsible
for nominee's research work
(if other than nominator) _____

Name of Department Chair
(if other than nominator) _____

Nominator's Signature
(Must be an SPR Member) _____

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Education

College _____

Dates Attended _____ Degree _____

Medical School _____

Year Graduated _____

Residency

Area	Dates	Department	Location
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Fellowship or Other Training

Area	Dates	Department	Location
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Other Professional Positions

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NOMINATOR'S ESSAY

Nominator's evaluation of the nominee and of the research work performed to date. Note: This evaluation must include a description of the nominee's specific role in the design, implementation and performance of the research work on which the nomination is based. *(Not limited to one page)*

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

The sponsor should solicit letters of support from other investigators in the field of the nominee's research. These letters should focus on a critical evaluation of the specific research paper(s) listed under publications and submitted as the basis for this nomination. The sponsor should screen and submit at least three, but not more than five such letters with the nomination.

(List the names of supporters below and include their letters with the application.)

LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM SENIOR INVESTIGATOR

NOTE: This section should only be completed if the nominator is different from the senior investigator.

Include a letter of support from senior investigator (if other than nominator) of the laboratory in which the work was accomplished.

Senior Investigator's
Full Name with Degree _____

Present Position / Title _____

Department/Division _____

Institution _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

NOMINATION PACKET SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed application form | <input type="checkbox"/> Manuscripts (maximum of 5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of support (minimum of 3; maximum of 5) | <input type="checkbox"/> One set of completed nomination materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from Senior Investigator (if other than the nominator) | |

Receipt Deadline: December 3, 2008

Send Complete Packet to:

**Society for Pediatric Research
Young Investigator Award Committee**
3400 Research Forest Drive, Suite B-7
The Woodlands, TX 77381

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