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. 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.

A single award is presented annually. The award includes a $2,000 honorarium and provides resources to fund travel to the Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS) 2017 Meeting. The award recipient is expected to attend the PAS 2017 Meeting to receive the award and provide the Society with a research presentation.

Nomination Criteria:

- Must have completed not more than seven (7) years post-training (residency or post-doctoral clinical or research fellowship) at the time of the PAS 2017 Meeting.
- 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 at least one of the Societies or Alliances that comprise the Pediatric Academic Societies
- Members of the Award Selection Committee cannot nominate nor support any nomination.

Award Selection Procedures:

- The winning applicant is selected on the basis of published research and potential impact on childhood diseases.
- A single award will be given. In the event no outstanding application is submitted in a given year, the award will not be given.
- The awardee will present the research work during the plenary session of the PAS Meeting.
- The awardee will be reimbursed for up to 4 nights for 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.

Nomination Directions:

- Complete the nomination form for the candidate. The same instructions and process must be followed for individuals being re-nominated.
- 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 three (3) key papers that reflect research accomplished during the post-training period.
- Include curriculum vitae
- Prepare nominator’s essay on letterhead. This must include a detailed explanation of the applicant’s role in the research work submitted. This essay should be succinct, and is limited to two (2) completed pages using an 11-point or larger font.
- List and include letters of support. The nominator should solicit letters from established investigators in the nominee’s field. These letters should be printed on letterhead and should provide a critical evaluation of the research work submitted for the award. The sponsor should screen the letters and include at least 3 but no more than 5 with the nomination. Support letters are limited to two (2) completed pages using an 11-point or larger font.
- Include a letter of support from the senior investigator (if other than the nominator) in whose laboratory the nominee carried out the research. The letter should be printed on letterhead and include dates, department and location of where research was carried out. The letter is limited to two (2) completed pages using an 11-point or larger font.
- Completed nomination materials and all supporting documents (single-sided, no staples) must be received at the SPR Central Office by November 10, 2016.

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