

# Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators

The Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators was first established in 1995. It acknowledges outstanding contributions to biomedical research in Europe based on methods of molecular biology, including novel analytical concepts.



The Award is presented in partnership with the scientific journal [Nature](#).

Prize money: 20,000 EUR

You can [apply here](#) for the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators from October 1 of each year onwards.

In 2018 Eppendorf AG is presenting the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators for the 23rd time. The independent Eppendorf Award Jury chaired by Prof. Reinhard Jahn selected Prof. Dr. Andrea Ablasser, Assistant Professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland, as the 2018 winner. Andrea Ablasser, born 1983, receives the € 20,000 prize for her contributions to a key step in the innate immune response, which triggers a frontline defense when cells are attacked by microorganisms.

The official prize ceremony took place at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany, on June 21, 2018.



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## About the Award

Since 1995 the Eppendorf Young Investigator Award is granted annually to European researchers not older than 35 years. It acknowledges outstanding contributions to biomedical research in Europe based on methods of molecular biology, including novel analytical concepts. The winner is selected by an independent expert committee chaired by Reinhard Jahn (Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany).

This prize, which reflects the past and future of Eppendorf in a manner befitting the wishes of the company's founders, Dr. Heinrich Netheler and Dr. Hans Hinz, is intended to symbolize the close links between the company and the field of biomedicine.

The award was first established in 1995 on occasion of Eppendorf's 50th anniversary.

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Prize awareness poster:

[Download the poster "Call for Entries!"](#) for the current period as of 1st September of each year.

Prize money € 20,000

### The Award winner will receive

- > a prize money of 20,000 Euro (for personal use)
- > an invitation to the prize ceremony at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany
- > an invitation to visit Eppendorf AG in Hamburg, Germany
- > coverage of his/her work by Nature in print and online (including a podcast)

### Contact information

For questions regarding the Award, please send an email to: [award@eppendorf.de](mailto:award@eppendorf.de)

### Nature journal

The Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators is presented in partnership with the scientific journal Nature.

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## Entry details & judging procedures

### Who can apply for the award?

Young researchers not older than 35 years with an advanced degree who are performing biomedical research in Europe based on methods of molecular biology, including novel analytical concepts.

### How to apply

Online applications for the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators are accepted from October 1 of each year onwards.

Your application must include:

- > your personal data
- > your curriculum vitae
- > a title describing the subject of your research
- > an essay of max. 2000 characters (incl. spaces) summarizing your research
- > your publication list PDF files of your published papers (min. 3 - max 5)

Your application and all submitted documents must be in English.

### Judging procedures

Eppendorf has no influence on deciding who receives the award.

The prize is awarded by an independent committee composed of five renowned experts under the chairmanship of Prof. Reinhard Jahn (Director at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany), from the fields of:

- > Cellular Neurobiology (Prof. Reinhard Jahn: Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany)
- > Applied Medical Research (Prof. Dieter Häussinger: Clinic for Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Infectiology, Düsseldorf, Germany)
- > Genetics and Cell Biology (Prof. Maria Leptin: Director EMBO, Heidelberg, Germany)
- > Protein Biochemistry (Prof. Martin J. Lohse: Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine in the Helmholtz Association, Berlin, Germany)
- > Cell Biology (Prof. Laura Machesky: Cancer Research UK Beatson Institute, Glasgow, UK)

The papers submitted will be evaluated with respect to the following five selection criteria:

1. Independent scientific work
2. Creativity (independent of instructions from head of institute)
3. Successful practical application of research approach
4. Significance of research results for the field of medicine
5. Achievement of candidate in relation to his/her age

The main focus is on investigating the molecular biological mechanisms of the human organism and then translating this research into practical findings. The long-term goal is the diagnosis and therapy of those diseases which have yet to be treated successfully.

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## 2019 Call for Entries

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## 2018 Award

2018 Award Winner: Prof. Andrea Ablasser

**Appointment at time of winning the Award:** Assistant Professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland

Andrea Ablasser, born 1983, receives the € 20,000 prize for her contributions to a key step in the innate immune response, which triggers a frontline defense when cells are attacked by microorganisms.

The Jury: "Andrea Ablasser's work sheds light on the mechanisms by which other cells are informed about the presence of foreign DNA, and she has recently shown that the same pathway can be triggered in ageing cells, contributing to senescence. This work may lead to novel therapeutic approaches for both microbial infections and autoinflammatory syndromes."

The official prize ceremony took place at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany, on June 21, 2018. The laudatio honoring Andrea Ablasser's achievements was held by Award Jury Chairman Prof. Reinhard Jahn of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen.



#### Media

- > [Press release: 22.6.2018 - 2018 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators presented to Andrea Ablasser](#)
- > [Speech: 21.6.2018 – Laudation for Andrea Ablasser by Prof. Reinhard Jahn](#)
- > [Flyer about Andrea Ablasser's work](#)
- > [Press photo - Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2018 in Heidelberg](#)
- > [Listen to Nature's new podcast with Prof. Andrea Ablasser: The 'first responder' to cellular DNA: Insights into the innate immune response](#)
- > [Watch the video from the 2018 Award Ceremony](#)

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## Past Award Winners

### 2017 Award Winner

[Tom Baden, PD PhD](#)

Senior Lecturer in Neuroscience at the School of Life Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom

### 2016 Award Winner

[Prof. Adrian Liston](#)

Group leader at VIB Translational Immunology Lab, University of Leuven, Belgium

### 2015 Award Winner

[Dr. Thomas Wollert](#)

Research Group Leader at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Martinsried, Germany

### 2014 Award Winner

[Madeline Lancaster](#)

Marie Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Laboratory of Juergen Knoblich, Institute of Molecular Biotechnology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (IMBA), Vienna, Austria

### 2013 Award Winner

[Benjamin Lehner](#)

EMBL-CRG Systems Biology Unit Centre for Genomic Regulation Barcelona, Spain

### 2012 Award Winner

[Dr. Elizabeth Murchison](#)

Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Cambridge, United Kingdom

### 2011 Award Winner

[Assistant Professor Suzan Rooijackers, PhD](#)

University Medical Center Utrecht, Department of Medical Microbiology, Utrecht, The Netherlands

### 2009 Award Winner

[Dr. Óscar Fernández-Capetillo](#)

Head, Genomic Instability Group, Spanish National Cancer Center (CNIO), Madrid, Spain.

### 2008 Award Winner

[Dr. Simon Boulton](#)

#### 2007 Award Winner

[Dr. Mónica Bettencourt-Dias](#)

Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal

#### 2006 Award Winner

[Dr. Luca Scorrano](#)

Dulbecco-Telethon Institute, Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine, Padova, Italy

#### 2005 Award Winner

[Dr. Thomas Helleday](#)

Arrhenius Laboratory Department of Genetics, Microbiology and Toxicology, Stockholm University

#### 2004 Award Winner

[Prof. Dr. Patrick Cramer](#)

Gene Center, University of Munich, Germany

#### 2003 Award Winner

[Prof. Dr. Silvia Arber](#)

Biozentrum, University of Basel, Friedrich-Miescher-Institute Basel, Switzerland

#### 2002 Award Winner

[Dr. Thomas Tuschl](#)

Göttingen, Germany

#### 2001 Award Winner

[Dr. Andreas Mayer](#)

Friedrich-Miescher Laboratory of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Tübingen, Germany

#### 2000 Award Winner

[Dr. Dario Alessi](#)

MRC Protein Phosphorylation Unit, University of Dundee, Scotland

#### 1999 Award Winner

[Dr. Jean Pieters](#)

Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland

#### 1998 Award Winner

[Professor Dr. Michael Wegner](#)

Center of Molecular Neurobiology, University Hospital (UKE), Hamburg, Germany

#### 1997 Award Winner

[Professor Dr. Helena Edlund](#)

Department of Microbiology, University of Umea, Sweden

#### 1996 Award Winner

[Professor Dr. Ueli Suter](#)

Institute of Cell Biology, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, ETH Zürich

#### 1995 Award Winner

[Professor Dr. Stephan P. Jackson](#)

Wellcome/CRC Institute, University of Cambridge, England

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## Press releases & speeches

2017

📄 [Press release: 23.6.2017 - 2017 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators presented to Tom Baden](#)

🗣️ [Speech: 22.6.2017 – Laudation for Tom Baden by Prof. Maria Leptin](#)

2016

📄 [Press release: 2.6.2016 - Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2016 in Heidelberg](#)

🗣️ [Speech: 2.6.2016 – Laudatio for Adrian Liston by Prof. Reinhard Jahn](#)

2015

📄 [Press release: 25.6.2015 - Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2015 in Heidelberg](#)

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- 📄 [Press release: 22.05.2014 - Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2014 in Heidelberg](#)
- 🗣️ [Speech: 22.05.2014 - Laudatio for Madeline Lancaster by Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn](#)

2013

- 📄 [Press release: 06.06.2013 – Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2013 in Heidelberg](#)
- 🗣️ [Speech: 06.06.2012 – Laudatio for Ben Lehner by Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn](#)

2012

- [Press release: 09.05.2012 – Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2012 in Heidelberg](#)
- 🗣️ [Speech: 09.05.2012 – Laudatio for Dr. Elizabeth Murchison by Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn](#)