

Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators

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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 2020, the prestigious Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators turns 25 years.

To celebrate this anniversary, Eppendorf is organizing the [Young European Investigators Conference 2020](#) on June 25, 2020, at EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg.

At this 1-day conference, an impressive number of Award alumni will give an overview of the most exciting discoveries of their careers and speak about current challenges in their fields.

The conference is open to the scientific community and is organized by former Award winners Simon Boulton (The Francis Crick Institute, UK) and Óscar Fernández-Capetillo (CNIO, Spain).

At the end of the conference, the Eppendorf Award winner 2020 will receive his/her prize during a festive Award ceremony.

To apply for the Award 2020, visit www.eppendorf.com/award/application

To register for the Eppendorf Award Alumni Conference 2020, visit www.eppendorf.com/award/25years



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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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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

Nature journal

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Young European Investigators Conference

FREE Conference: June 25, 2020 / EMBL Advanced Training Centre, Heidelberg, Germany

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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. 2,000 characters (incl. spaces) summarizing your research
- > a brief description of your major discovery
- > your publication list with 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.

2020 Call for Entries

[apply here](#)

2019 Award

2019 Award Winner: Dr. Georg Winter

Appointment at time of winning the Award:

Principal Investigator at the CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Georg Winter, born 1985, receives the € 20,000 prize for his pioneering work developing a method for targeting specific proteins for degradation using heterobifunctional chemical compounds to specifically recruit ubiquitin E3 ligases to the intended protein target for destruction.

The Jury: "This powerful system enables targeting of previously undruggable targets and shows promise both in cells and in vivo in model systems as an emerging therapy." Georg Winter's work has led to a fury of excitement across pharmaceutical companies and has resulted in several patents; it holds promise to yield novel therapies for cancer and other diseases of unmet need.



Dr. Georg Winter

The official prize ceremony took place at the EMBL Advanced Training Centre in Heidelberg, Germany, on June 27, 2019. The laudatio honoring Georg Winter's achievements was held by Award Jury Chairman Prof. Reinhard Jahn, Director Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany.

Downloads

- > [📄 Press release: 27.6.2019 - 2019 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators presented to Georg Winter](#)
- > [🗣️ Speech: 27.6.2019 – Laudation for Georg Winter by Prof. Reinhard Jahn](#)
- > [📄 Flyer about Georg Winter's work Flyer Eppendorf_Award_2019.pdf](#)
- > [📷 Press photo - Presentation of Eppendorf Young Investigator Award 2019 in Heidelberg](#)
- > [🎧 Listen to Nature's new podcast with Dr. Georg Winter: Target protein degradation: A new approach to combatting cancer](#)
- > [📺 Watch the video from the 2019 prize ceremony](#)

Past Award Winners

2018 Award Winner

[Prof. Andrea Ablasser](#)

Assistant Professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland

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 Rooijakkers, 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](#)

Cancer Research UK, London Research Institute, UK

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

Press releases & speeches

2018

⚡ [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](#)

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](#)

⬇ Speech: 25.6.2015 – Laudatio for Thomas Wollert by Prof. Reinhard Jahn

2014

⬇ 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