

ERS Gold Medal Guidelines 2020

The Gold Medals cover disease areas such as COPD, asthma, lung cancer and IPF. ERS offers the Gold Medals with a funding of €50,000 to researchers who have made outstanding clinical or scientific/research contribution in the proposed fields of respiratory medicine and who is pursuing an active research project in the same field (including basic science, pathophysiology, epidemiology, prevention, clinical practice, diagnosis, treatment, or rehabilitation).

Gold Medals on offer for 2020:

Gold Medal Award	Sponsoring Pharmaceutical Company
ERS Gold Medal in Asthma	AstraZeneca
ERS Gold Medal in COPD	Boehringer Ingelheim
ERS Gold Medal in Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis	Boehringer Ingelheim

Application/Nomination

Applications and nominations for the Gold Medals can be submitted until the 14 February, 2020. Applicants and/or nominators must complete the online forms and send them to scientific@ersnet.org.

Applicants are required to complete the form (available for download on our website <https://www.ersnet.org/the-society/who-we-are/awards/gold-medals>) 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

- Original research should not have been previously sponsored by pharmaceutical industries.
- 60 years of age or under at the time of the application deadline.
- 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 in Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer or Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis 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 respective fields of the Gold Medals 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 of each Gold Medal Award are presented for final selection during the Science Council. The selection is endorsed by the Executive Committee.

Gold Medal prize

The Gold Medals and certificates are presented to the successful candidates during the Opening Ceremony of the ERS International Congress in Vienna 2020. The amount of 50'000€ is offered to the candidate's institution and must be used to fund research or a training project in the same field of the awarded Gold Medal. The awardees are offered a free registration to the ERS International Congress in Vienna 2020.