



Call for Applications for

**"EXCELLENT PAPER IN NEUROSCIENCE"
AWARD 2020**

Submission deadline for applications: **September 18th, 2020**

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1. General call description

The ERA-NET NEURON partner countries are issuing the EXCELLENT PAPER IN NEUROSCIENCE AWARD to recognize the most remarkable and outstanding scientific publications by early-career researchers in the field of disease-related, translational, neurosciences. First author of candidate publications published between **January 1st, 2019 and December 31st, 2019** and affiliated with the call partner countries are eligible to apply. The deadline for proposal submission is **September 18th, 2020**.

An award of EUR 3,000 will be granted to the best proposal. The winner will be invited as an “Excellent Paper in Neuroscience” special lecturer during a NEURON Midterm Symposium taking place in Berlin, Germany, 26th of January 2021. The award and travel costs related to the lecture will be covered by ERA-NET NEURON.

Call Partner Countries: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom.

2. Aim of the call

At the moment ERA-NET NEURON (the Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research) links 27 national research funding programs and organizations in the field of disease-related neurosciences in Europe, Israel, Turkey and Canada. The EXCELLENT PAPER IN NEUROSCIENCE AWARD will emphasize the importance of neuroscience and will contribute to integrate the neuroscience research community. The award is designed as a form of support and encouragement for researchers at the early stage of their career.

3. Eligibility

The application must fulfil the following criteria:

Author:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sole first Author in the proposed publication. Shared first authorships are not considered for the award. • The Author must have been affiliated in a call partner country at the time of publication. • Less than 5 years from PhD or equivalent degree at the date of publication. • Eligible breaks include parental leaves, long-term illness and national service. Concerning parental leave, national rules apply, or 12 months per child, whichever is the greatest.
Publication:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award period: published between January 1st, 2019 and December 31st, 2019. • Affiliation of the <i>first Author</i> in a call partner country as stated in the publication. • Topic of the article must be clearly relevant to disease-related, translational, neurosciences. • Original research article in an international peer review journal. • Impact factor of the journal above 10 based on Web of Science.



4. Application

Early-career researchers from the ERA-NET partner countries listed in the call text may submit a proposal for the EXCELLENT PAPER IN NEUROSCIENCE AWARD. The proposal must be submitted electronically using the online form available through the NEURON web page www.neuron-eranet.org. Both pre- and postdoctoral early-career researchers working in ERA-NET NEURON partner countries are encouraged to apply.

Applications are accepted from the first author of an original article published within the award period. The on-line application must include the following two attachments in PDF format.

- 1) Introduction (maximum of one page, minimum font size 11, Arial/Calibri/Times or comparable) including
 - Application form (of the first author)
 - Short biosketch of the author (1-page maximum)
 - One-page summary addressing the significance of the work
 - A pitch of 250 characters including spaces describing the research focus of the article and the applicant's role in it.
- 2) PDF of the article

The deadline for applications is **September 18th, 2020**. Applications must be sent to the ERA-NET NEURON EPNA joint call secretariat (see details in the application form) by 5:00 PM (UTC-GMT time). Incomplete or late applications will be rejected.

5. Evaluation

ERA-NET NEURON partners will select the proposals upon consultation of high-level scientists in the neuroscience field. The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- ✓ theoretical approach and scientific quality
- ✓ novelty and innovativeness of research
- ✓ scientific impact for the area

Based on the evaluation, the highest ranked proposal will be awarded the prize. Preference will be given to researchers at the beginning of their career.

6. Management

The ERA-NET NEURON EPNA Joint Call Secretariat together with the national funding agencies will be responsible for the management of the evaluation process.

The applicants will be informed about the decisions individually by the Joint Call Secretariat by the end of December 2020.

7. Award Presentation

The winner will be invited to give an "Excellent Paper in Neuroscience Award" special lecture during a NEURON Midterm Symposium taking place in Berlin, Germany, on 26th of January 2021. The award and travel costs related

to the lecture will be covered by ERA-NET NEURON. The winner may also be invited to contribute to the planning of the future support activities of the early-career researchers or other activities within the NEURON network.

8. Extended Call Schedule

• Announcement of the call	July 2020
• Deadline for proposal submission	September 18th, 2020
• Evaluation of the proposals	October-November 2020
• Decisions and information about the evaluation results	End-December 2020
• Award Presentation Ceremony	January 26 th , 2021

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