

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

Applications for the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators 2023 will be accepted from October 1, 2022, until January 15, 2023.

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Winner 2022 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators

Congratulations to Dr. Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen on winning the 2022 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators for her work on structure and function of spliceosome and telomerase. These two RNA-protein complexes are essential for all higher organisms; the award-winning research of Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen will have a lasting impact on the understanding of RNA processing and genome stability.

Read more about Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen's work [here](#).

Listen to the nature podcast.



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 (Director Emeritus at the 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 SE 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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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 at www.eppendorf.com/award/application

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 six renowned experts under the chairmanship of Prof. Reinhard Jahn (Director Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany), from the fields of:

- > Cellular Neurobiology (Reinhard Jahn, Jury Chair: Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, Germany)
- > Genetics and Physiology (Sadaf Farooqi: Wellcome-MRC Institute of Metabolic Science, University of Cambridge, UK)
- > Developmental Biology (Madeline Lancaster: MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, University of Cambridge, UK)
- > Genomics and Systems Biology (Ben Lehner: Center for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona, Spain)
- > Cell Biology (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.

2022 Award Winner & Finalists

2022 Award Winner: Dr. Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen

Award Winner

[Dr. Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen](#)

MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, UK

Finalists

[Dr. Arnau Sebé-Pedrós](#)

Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG), Barcelona, Spain

[Dr. Lena Pernas](#)

Max Planck Institute for Biology of Ageing, Cologne, Germany

Past Award Winners

2021 Award Winner

[Dr. Tanmay Bharat](#)

Group Leader at Sir William Dunn School of Pathology, Oxford University, United Kingdom

2020 Award Winner

[Prof. Randall Platt](#)

Assistant Professor of Biological Engineering, Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

2019 Award Winner

[Dr. Georg Winter](#)

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

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. Stephen P. Jackson

Wellcome/CRC Institute, University of Cambridge, England

Press releases & speeches

2022

⬇ Press Release: 08.07.2022 - 2022 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators
2022 goes to Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen; United Kingdom

⬇ Speech: Laudation for Dr. Thi Hoang Duong Nguyen

2021

⬇ Press release: 25.5.2021 - 2021 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators
Goes to Tanmay Bharat

⬇ Speech: Laudation for Tanmay Bharat

2020

⬇ Press release: 31.3.2020 - 2020 Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators
Goes to Randall Platt

⬇ Speech: Laudation for Randall Platt

2019

⬇ 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

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