



International Society for Eye Research

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RESEARCH PRIZES

Nomination Guidelines and Criteria

- Nominations in support of a candidate for each prize/award must be received from a Primary Nominator and a minimum of two (maximum of three) secondary nominators who are ISER members in good standing. The Primary Nominator is responsible for submitting the Initial Nomination form and the Accepted Nomination form as requested, including all required materials.
- Primary Nominators may nominate a maximum of one individual for any award in any one cycle.
- Nomination support statements and letters must be concise (no more than two type-written pages), yet sufficiently detailed to illustrate the candidate's contributions and achievements relevant to the particular prize/award. This information is meant to supplement the candidate's CV.
- Initial Nominations must include:
 - 1) name, professional degrees, institution, address, email, and telephone number of the person being nominated (Nominee) for the prize/award
 - 2) name, professional degrees, institution, address, email, and telephone number, of the Primary and the secondary nominators
 - 3) a concise statement supporting the nomination, totaling no more than two type-written pages, detailing the contributions and achievements relevant to the prize/award.
- Following approval from the Prize/Award Committee Chair, the Primary Nominator will be requested to complete an Accepted Nomination form. This form must include:
 - 1) nominee's CV
 - 2) a list of the Nominee's 10 most relevant peer-reviewed publications
 - 3) letters of support on official institutional letterhead from the Primary and secondary nominators.
- Individuals are NOT eligible to receive the same award/prize more than once.
- One individual is not permitted to win more than one award in the same year.
- Once an individual has been nominated for an award, their nomination will be considered for two prize nomination cycles.
 - The two cycles will include the current and the next prize/award cycle.

- Nominees who are carried over will be given the opportunity to review and update their materials for the second cycle of consideration if they wish to do so.
- Nominations must be RECEIVED in writing, using the provided forms, by the ISER Secretariat on or by the established deadline.
- Members of the ISER Council are not eligible to nominate a candidate, nor be nominated for a prize, while serving on the Council.
- Prize Committee members are not eligible to nominate a candidate, nor be nominated for a prize, while serving on that prize committee.
- The candidate pool will be narrowed by each Prize/Award Committee to the top 3-4 nominees based on the submitted nomination materials.
- The final candidate pool may be asked for additional materials at the Committee's discretion.

Candidate Requirements

- Candidates for each ISER Prize/Award will be notified of their nomination and will be requested to confirm their acceptance of the nomination and understanding of the criteria.

Prize/Award Winner Criteria

The individuals selected for all four ISER Research Prizes must:

- Present a Plenary Lecture at the Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Eye Research in the year that the award will be made.
- Submit the Plenary Lecture title to the ISER Secretariat by the established deadline.
- Submit their audio-visual requirements to the ISER Secretariat by the established deadline.
- Inform the ISER Secretariat of the individual who they have invited to prepare and present their Plenary Lecture introduction.
- Submit appropriate receipts for reimbursement of approved expenses to the Prize/Award Sponsor after the meeting, as directed.

The Endre A. Balazs Prize

- Nominations will be reviewed by a Prize Committee, consisting of no less than five ISER members, appointed by the President, broadly representing the field of experimental eye research.

- The Committee will endeavor to have representation from each geographic region as represented on ISER Council.
- The President will appoint one Council Member to chair this Committee. The Chair will be a voting committee member.
- At least one member of the Prize Committee should be a previous prize recipient, whenever possible.
- The ISER Secretariat will distribute the nomination packet of each candidate to the Prize Committee.
- The Committee will review the nominees and select the name of one recipient for the prize/award by the established deadline for the award year, and the Chair of the committee will convey their selection to the ISER Secretariat and the President.
- The selected awardee will be notified in writing by the President and will be instructed regarding their formal award lecture for the upcoming Biennial Meeting that year.
- The name of the intended prize/award recipient will be announced to the ISER Council.

The Ernst H. Bárány Prize

- Nominations will be reviewed by a Prize Committee, consisting of no less than five ISER members (at least one of whom must be an ISER Council Member), appointed by the ISER President, collectively encompassing the study of pharmacologic processes in all ocular tissues.
- The Committee will endeavor to have representation from each geographic region as represented on ISER Council.
- At least one member of the Prize Committee should be a previous prize recipient, whenever possible.
- The President will appoint one Council Member to chair this Committee.
- The ISER Secretariat will distribute the nomination packet of each candidate to the Prize Committee.
- The Committee will review the nominees and select the name of one recipient for the prize/award by the established deadline of the award year and the Chair of the committee will convey their selection to the ISER Secretariat and the President.
- The selected awardee will be notified in writing by the President and will be instructed regarding their formal award lecture for the upcoming Biennial Meeting that year.
- The name of the intended prize/award recipient will be announced to the ISER Council.

The Retina Research Foundation's Paul Kayser International Award in Retina Research

- Nominations will be reviewed by a Prize Committee, consisting of no less than five ISER members (at least one of whom must be an ISER Council Member other than the President), appointed by the ISER President. Each Committee Member will be recognized with distinction in some area of retinal research, to serve in an advisory capacity to designated officials of the Retinal Research Foundation (Houston, TX). The President serves as a non-voting member of the Committee.
- The Committee will endeavor to have representation from each geographic region as represented on ISER Council.
- At least one member of the Prize Committee should be a previous prize recipient, whenever possible.
- The President will appoint one Committee Member to Chair the Committee.
- The Committee will review the nominees and recommend a recipient for the award.
- The ISER Secretariat will distribute the nomination packet of each candidate to the Prize Committee.
- The Committee will review the nominees and recommend the name of one recipient for the prize/award by the established deadline of the award year and the Chair of the committee will convey their recommendation to the ISER Secretariat and the President.
- The ISER President will send written notification of the committee's recommendation to the President of RRF.
- RRF will consider the Committee's recommendation. If in agreement, RRF will send written notification to the selected awardee, and will notify the ISER President of its decision.
- Following confirmation from RRF that the awardee has been notified, the ISER President will send written instructions regarding the formal award lecture for the upcoming Biennial Meeting that year.
- The name of the prize/award recipient will be announced to the ISER Council.
- The recipient of the Retina Research Foundation's Paul Kayser International Award in Retina Research has the additional requirement of submitting a research progress paper one year after receipt of Award monies to the Retina Research Foundation and to the ISER Secretariat.

The Ludwig von Sallmann Prize

- The ISER President will recommend the name of one ISER Member, who is recognized with distinction in an area of eye or vision research, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Ludwig von Sallmann Prize Selection Committee. The ISER President is eligible to serve in this role.

- The Prize Selection Committee is a free-standing committee, not under the official jurisdiction of ISER.
- The Chair of the Prize Selection Committee will solicit nominations for prize recipients from the eye and vision research community, electronically, beginning at least six months in advance of the deadline for receipt of nomination packets. The Chair of the Prize Selection Committee will distribute the nomination packet of each candidate to the members of the Prize Selection Committee.
- The Prize Selection Committee will review the nominees and select the name(s) of one (or more) recipient(s) for the Prize by the established deadline of the award year and the Chair of the Committee will convey their selection to the ISER Secretariat and the ISER President.
- The selected awardee(s) will be notified in writing by the Chair of the Prize Selection Committee.
- Once the ISER President has received notification of the selected awardee(s) and confirmation that they have been notified by the Chair of the Prize Selection Committee, the President will send written instructions regarding their formal award lecture for the upcoming Biennial Meeting that year.
- The name(s) of the intended Prize recipient(s) will be announced to the ISER Council as soon as practical, after the Prize recipient(s) has/have been notified.