



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 two secondary nominators, each of whom must be a current ISER member in good standing. The Primary Nominator is responsible for submitting a nomination letter and identifying the secondary nominators.
- Nominations must be concise (no more than 2 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 own statement of research interests and biographical sketch.
- Nominations must include:
 - 1) name, professional degrees, institution, address, email, telephone number, and fax number of the person being nominated for the prize/award
 - 2) name, professional degrees, institution, address, email, telephone number, and fax number of the nominator
 - 3) concise statement supporting the nomination, totaling no more than 2 type-written pages, detailing the contributions and achievements relevant to the prize/award.
- Individuals are NOT eligible to receive the same award/prize more than once.
- 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 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 by the ISER Secretariat on or by the established deadline of the year in which the award will be made.
- Members of the 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.

Candidate's Requirements

- Candidates for each ISER Prize/Award will be notified of their nomination and will be requested to provide a concise statement (no more than 2 type-written pages) regarding his/her area of research interest(s).
- Candidates for each ISER Prize/Award must submit a biographical sketch, utilizing the format provided by ISER.
- Candidate statements and biographical sketches must be received by the ISER Secretariat on or by the established deadline of the year in which the award will be made.
- The candidate pool will be narrowed down 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.

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 av requirements to the ISER Secretariat by the established deadline.
- Inform the ISER Secretariat of the individual 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.
- 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 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 his/her 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 on or by the Annual Council Meeting that coincides with the annual ARVO meeting.

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.
- 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 Nomination Review 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 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 his/her 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 on or by the Annual Council Meeting that coincides with the annual ARVO meeting.

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

- 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 Retina Research Foundation and to the ISER Secretariat.
- 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.
- 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 Nomination Review 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 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 winner 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 on or by the Annual Council Meeting that coincides with the annual ARVO meeting.

The Ludwig von Sallmann Prize

- The ISER President will appoint one ISER Member, who is recognized with distinction in an area of eye or vision research, to serve in an advisory capacity to the Awards Committee of the Ludwig von Sallmann Trust.
- Collectively, the Committee will review the nominees and select a recipient for the award.
- The ISER Secretariat will distribute the nomination packet of each candidate to the Chair of the 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 will convey their selection to the ISER Secretariat and the President.
- The selected awardee will be notified in writing by a von Sallmann Trust representative.
- Once the ISER President has received notification of the winner's name and confirmation that they have been notified by the Trust, the President sends written instructions regarding his/her 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 as soon as it is known.