



## Cardiac Electrophysiology Society (CES) Young Investigator Award Competition Guidelines

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The Cardiac Electrophysiology Society (CES) Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Competition recognizes and encourages the work of young investigators, their mentors, and their parent institutions. All submissions to the CES YIA Competition will be reviewed. Two clinical and two basic science investigators will receive awards during the CES annual meeting.

### **CES YIA ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (INCLUDING APPLICATION TIMELINE, OTHER KEY DETAILS)**

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 2, 2024)**

All authors wishing to participate in the CES YIA Competition must submit an abstract to the Heart Rhythm 2025 Submission Site and indicate their interest in being considered for the CES YIA in the “Awards” section. Those wishing to join CES during or before submission are invited to please visit the [CES Website](#) to apply. CES YIA submissions will be reviewed in January 2025.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The CES YIA Competition is open to any active CES member physician or scientist who is currently in a residency, clinical or postdoctoral fellowship, working in clinical or basic research in the areas of cardiac arrhythmias, pacing and/or electrophysiology. Those who completed such a program within the past three years (at the time of submission) are also eligible. The competition is also open to predoctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students. The applicant must be the first author on the abstract submitted to Heart Rhythm and an active CES Member\* for consideration. No more than two submissions from the same sponsor are permitted.

*\* If you wish to become a CES member, please visit the [CES Website](#) to apply for membership.*

Individuals who have submitted abstracts to other major North American meetings and are awaiting notification of acceptance may also submit abstracts to the Heart Rhythm Society for consideration; however, upon acceptance from another organization, it is the responsibility of the author to notify the Heart Rhythm Society office no later than February 25, 2025, to withdraw the abstract. Refund of abstract submission fees will not be issued for withdrawn abstracts.

An abstract is not eligible for consideration if it is published prior to the CES annual meeting or if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major North American meeting held before the CES meeting. However, the same abstract may be presented at both Heart Rhythm 2025 and the CES meeting.

#### **ELIGIBLE TOPICS**

Any work of an investigational nature that pertains directly or indirectly to cardiac arrhythmias, pacing and/or electrophysiology is suitable. This work may be in basic science or clinical investigation. Finalists are selected based on the qualifications of the candidate and the originality, importance, and scientific excellence of a project that contributes to understanding of cardiac pacing and electrophysiology, and ultimately improved patient care. Young Investigators Award Competition submissions are reviewed and judged in one of two categories: basic research and clinical research.

#### **PROCESS**

To be considered for the CES YIA, the individual will need to submit an abstract during the Heart Rhythm 2025 Abstract

Submission period and confirm interest in applying for the Competition. In January, all eligible CES YIA submissions will be reviewed. A **selected list** of 20 competitors in each category (basic and clinical) will be invited to showcase their work as presenters during the CES poster session. A **short-list** of the top five highest scoring finalists in each category (basic and clinical) will be invited to present their posters directly to the judges during the YIA Competition at the CES luncheon to be held during HRS 2025, on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in San Diego, CA. See below for further details.

**NOTE:** *The Heart Rhythm Abstract Review process will generate a score of eligibility to compete in the CES YIA Competition. Abstracts that are not accepted for presentation at HRS will not be considered for the Competition.*

#### **NOTIFICATION**

CES YIA Poster Presenters and Finalists will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance in February 2025.

#### **PRESENTATION**

The CES YIA Awards Competition and poster presentation will take place during Heart Rhythm 2025, on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in San Diego, CA. Posters will be presented in-person with traditional physical posters on display in the session room. Poster size specifications will be announced after CES poster acceptance. The identified finalists will be given 10 minutes to present their poster followed by a 5-minute question-and-answer session with the CES YIA judges and the audience.

#### **AWARDS**

All CES YIA finalists will be eligible for discounted Heart Rhythm 2025 abstract presenter registration (50% off the published rate). In addition, two first prize awards: \$1,000 for basic research and \$1,000 for clinical research will be presented, with the runners-up in each category receiving \$500 each. The results will be announced by the CES Vice President at the end of the CES session during Heart Rhythm 2025.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Do you have questions about CES membership or the CES YIA Competition, including the process for opting in during Heart Rhythm abstract submission? Please contact [ces@cardiaceps.org](mailto:ces@cardiaceps.org)