



SADS Foundation Courts K. Cleveland, Jr. **Young Investigator Awards in Genetic Heart Diseases** **(Channelopathies & Cardiomyopathies)**

Competition Guidelines

The SADS Foundation Courts K. Cleveland, Jr. Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Competition recognizes and encourages the work of young investigators studying sudden cardiac death predisposing genetic heart diseases (channelopathies & cardiomyopathies), their mentors, and their parent institutions. All submissions to the SADS YIA Competition will be reviewed. One clinical/translational and one basic science investigator will receive awards during the PACES annual meeting.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 2, 2024)

All authors wishing to participate in the SADS YIA Competition must submit an abstract to the Heart Rhythm 2025 submission site and indicate their interest in being considered for the SADS YIA in the “Awards” section.

*All authors must also submit a full-length unpublished manuscript to be eligible for the SADS YIA competition. A manuscript may be uploaded to the HRS abstract portal along with your abstract or submit it directly to SADS by **February 14, 2025**.*

ELIGIBILITY

The SADS YIA competition is open to any physician or scientist who is currently in a residency, fellowship, clinical or postdoctoral fellowship, working in clinical or basic research studying sudden cardiac death predisposing genetic heart diseases (channelopathies & cardiomyopathies). 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 Society.

Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published prior to Heart Rhythm 2025. No abstract may be presented at Heart Rhythm 2025 if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major international meeting held prior to Heart Rhythm 2025.

ELIGIBLE TOPICS

Any work of an investigational nature that pertains to sudden cardiac death predisposing genetic heart conditions (cardiac channelopathies or cardiomyopathies) is eligible. Finalists will be selected based on the qualifications of the applicant and the originality, importance, and scientific excellence of a project that contributes to our sudden cardiac death predisposing genetic heart conditions.

PROCESS

To be considered for the SADS YIA competition, the young investigator will need to submit an abstract during the Heart Rhythm 2025 submission period and indicate that he/she is interested in applying for the SADS YIA competition. **The applicant must also upload a full manuscript at that time or email it to SADS by February 14, 2025.**

Note: The HRS abstract review process will generate a score of eligibility to compete in the SADS YIA competition. If a submitted abstract is not accepted by HRS, you will not be eligible to participate in the SADS YIA competition.

NOTIFICATION

SADS YIA finalists will be notified via email of their HRS abstract acceptance on January 31, 2025, the same time all abstract notifications are sent out. Only accepted abstract presenters with a full-length unpublished manuscript submitted to the SADS Foundation by February 14, 2025 will be eligible. SADS YIA finalists will be notified in early April 2025.

PRESENTATION

The SADS YIA winners will be announced during the PACES annual business dinner held on April 25, 2025 in San Diego. The abstract itself will be presented during its regularly scheduled presentation time as indicated by Heart Rhythm Society.

AWARDS

- \$1,000 to the recipient
- \$1,000 to the recipient's mentor, or host institution, to offset the cost of attending and traveling to the annual HRS Scientific Sessions
- Recognition with a SADS Foundation YIA plaque
- Award presentation at the annual PACES business meeting held at HRS 2025

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about submitting an abstract, please contact abstracts@HRSONline.org.

For more information about eligibility or guidelines of SADS YIA: [SADS Young Investigator Award - SADS Foundation](#) or contact SADS@SADS.org

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