



Cardiac Electrophysiology Society (Cardiac EPS) Young Investigator Award Competition Guidelines

The Cardiac Electrophysiology Society (Cardiac EPS) Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Competition recognizes and encourages work by young investigators, their mentors, and their parent institutions.

All eligible submissions to the Cardiac EPS YIA Competition will be reviewed. Two clinical and two basic/translational science investigators will receive awards during the Cardiac EPS annual meeting.

Cardiac EPS YIA ABSTRACT SUBMISSION (INCL. APPLICATION TIMELINE, OTHER KEY DETAILS)

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All authors wishing to participate in the Cardiac EPS YIA Competition must submit an abstract to the Heart Rhythm 2026 Submission Site and indicate their interest in being considered for the Cardiac EPS YIA in the “Awards” section. Those wishing to become a Cardiac EPS member during or before abstract submission are invited to visit the [Cardiac EPS Website](#) to apply. Cardiac EPS YIA submissions will be reviewed in January 2026.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY: The Cardiac EPS YIA Competition is open to any active Cardiac EPS member (physician or scientist) who is currently in a residency, clinical, or postdoctoral fellowship, working in clinical or basic/translational 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 Cardiac EPS Member* for consideration. No more than two submissions from the same sponsor (senior author on submitted abstract) are permitted.

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An abstract is not eligible for consideration if it is published prior to the Cardiac EPS annual meeting or if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major North American meeting held before the Cardiac EPS meeting. However, the same abstract may be presented at both Heart Rhythm 2026 and the Cardiac EPS meeting.

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 24, 2026, to withdraw the abstract. Refund of abstract submission fees will not be issued for withdrawn abstracts.

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/translational 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. YIA Competition submissions are reviewed and judged in one of two categories: basic/translational research and clinical research.

PROCESS: To be considered for the Cardiac EPS YIA, the individual will need to submit an abstract during the HRS 2026 Abstract Submission period and confirm interest in applying for the Competition. In January, eligible Cardiac EPS YIA submissions will be reviewed. A **selected list** of 20 competitors in each category (basic/translational and clinical) will be invited to showcase their work as presenters during the Cardiac EPS poster session. A **short-list** of the top five highest scoring finalists in each category will be invited to present their posters directly to the judges during the YIA Competition at the Cardiac EPS luncheon to be held during HRS 2026, on Thursday, April 23rd, 2026, in Chicago, IL. See below for further details.

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

NOTIFICATION: Cardiac EPS YIA Poster Presenters and Finalists will be notified via e-mail in February 2026.

PRESENTATION: The Cardiac EPS YIA Awards Competition and poster presentation will take place during Heart Rhythm 2026, on Thursday, April 23rd, 2026, in Chicago, IL. Posters will be presented in-person with traditional physical posters on display in the session room. Poster size specifications will be announced after Cardiac EPS 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 Cardiac EPS YIA judges and the audience.

AWARDS: All Cardiac EPS YIA finalists will be eligible for discounted Heart Rhythm 2026 abstract presenter registration (50% off the published rate). In addition, two first prize awards: \$500 for basic/translational research and \$500 for clinical research will be presented, with the runners-up in each category receiving \$250 each. The results will be announced by the Cardiac EPS Vice President at the end of the Cardiac EPS session during Heart Rhythm 2026.

The two winners of the YIA in both categories will be invited to present flash talks at the 2027 Cardiac EPS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

QUESTIONS?

Do you have questions about Cardiac EPS membership or the Cardiac EPS YIA Competition, including the process for opting in during Heart Rhythm abstract submission? Please contact ces@cardiaceps.org