



2026 Allied Professional & Genetic Counselor Research Awards Guidelines

We are excited to announce the SADS Foundation Allied Professional and Genetic Counselor (AP/GC) Research Awards! The awards recognize genetic counselors and allied health professionals who conduct outstanding research in cardiac channelopathies and cardiomyopathies.

The work should be scientific, innovative, informative, and practical. The topic of the research must be related to inherited cardiac channelopathies, inherited cardiomyopathies, or sudden death. It should impact patient care, advocacy, education, research, community awareness, or increase awareness of a new aspect of the disease.

ABSTRACT DEADLINE to HRS2026: December 2, 2025

ELIGIBILITY

The SADS competition is open to any allied health professional or genetic counselor working in clinical or basic research studying sudden cardiac death predisposing genetic heart diseases (channelopathies & cardiomyopathies).

The applicant must be the first author on the abstract submitted. Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published before Heart Rhythm 2026.

PROCESS

To be considered for the SADS Foundation competition, the allied health professional or genetic counselor will need to submit an abstract to HRS online abstract submitter to the "allied professional" category. In the HRS abstract submitter, please check the box to be considered for the SADS Foundation AP/GC Research Award.

Abstracts will be reviewed by HRS allied professionals during its regular process for acceptance and presentation for HRS 2026 in Chicago.

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.

NOTIFICATION

Only accepted abstracts by HRS will move forward for consideration by the SADS Foundation. SADS AP/GC Research Award finalists will be notified by email in March 2026.

AWARDS

The SADS AP/GC Research award winners will be announced and presented during Heart Rhythm 2026 in Chicago.

\$1,000 to the recipient

Recognition with a SADS Foundation plaque

Recognition on the SADS Foundation website

MORE INFORMATION

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