

2026 SADS Foundation Courts K. Cleveland, Jr. Young Investigator Awards (YIA) in Genetic Heart Conditions (channelopathies & cardiomyopathies)

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The **SADS Foundation Courts K. Cleveland, Jr. Young Investigator Awards (YIA) in Genetic Heart Conditions** 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 held during Heart Rhythm Society's annual Scientific Sessions.

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 2, 2025 to HRS

All authors wishing to participate in the SADS YIA competition must submit an abstract to the Heart Rhythm 2026 submission site and indicate their interest in being considered for the SADS YIA in the "Awards" section.

Step two of this competition process is for the first author to submit an unpublished full-length manuscript to the SADS Foundation. After abstract **accepted** results are received, SADS will request a full-length manuscript to email SADS Foundation by February 14, 2026.

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 2026. No abstract may be presented at Heart Rhythm 2026 if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major international meeting held prior to Heart Rhythm 2026.

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 2026 submission period and indicate that he/she is interested in applying for the SADS YIA competition. Only accepted abstracts by HRS and SADS policy review will move forward for a requested manuscript.

NOTIFICATION

SADS YIA finalists will be notified via email of their HRS abstract acceptance by January 31, 2026, the same time all abstract notifications are sent out. Only accepted abstract will be eligible for SADS YIA. SADS YIA finalists will be notified in early April 2026.

PRESENTATION

The SADS YIA winners will be announced during the PACES annual business dinner held in Chicago during HRS 2026. The abstract itself will be presented during its regularly scheduled presentation time as indicated by Heart Rhythm Society.

AWARD

- \$1,000 to the recipient
- \$1,000 to the recipient's mentor or host institution to offset the cost of attending the annual HRS meeting
- Recognition with a SADS Foundation YIA plaque
- Presentation of the award at the annual PACES meeting during HRS

Deadline for 2026 YIA Abstract Submission = December 2, 2025

Following the notices from HRS of accepted abstracts, all authors will be asked to submit a full-length unpublished manuscript to SADS to be considered for the SADS YIA competition in February 2026.

For further details, please contact us at info@sads.org or Program Director Marcia Baker at Marcia@sads.org

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