



International Society for Heart Research

North American Section  
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**ISHR North American Section  
Young Investigator Award (YIA) Competition for  
Graduate Students and Early Postdoctoral Fellows:**

The annual award was established by the North American Section of the ISHR to recognize outstanding research in the field of cardiovascular science by young investigators. Up to three finalists will be selected to present their work at the North American Section meeting in Halifax, NS on May 29, 2018. It is expected that all finalists will attend and participate in the entire Section meeting.

**Qualifications:**

Competition is open to graduate and medical students, and postdoctoral fellows within 4 years of their PhD or MD (as of Mar 15, 2018). Applicants must also be a paid member of the ISHR by March 15, 2018. Applicants can register and pay dues online at [www.ishrworld.org](http://www.ishrworld.org).

**Rules for Entry:** **Deadline** for receipt of these documents is **March 15, 2018**.

Please send a single pdf file electronically (**Combined as a SINGLE pdf file no larger than 4MB**) to **both** Dr. Leslie Anderson Lobaugh ([llobaugh@nc.rr.com](mailto:llobaugh@nc.rr.com)) and Dr. Thomas Vondriska ([TVondriska@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TVondriska@mednet.ucla.edu)) containing the following:

1. An unpublished manuscript (single spaced) in the field of cardiovascular research. This must include an abstract (~250 words) and can be in pre-submission stage or more final version. However, the manuscript cannot exceed 6000 words (references and legends are not included in the 6000 word limit) and 7 Figs/Tables (the combination of Figures plus Tables cannot exceed 7) and cannot be already published (on PubMed) as of Mar 15, 2018. Supplemental material will not be accepted.
2. Curriculum vitae in NIH BioSketch format (≤4 pages). You can include your full list of published papers (*i.e.* beyond the 15 allowed by NIH –if you’ve got them!).
3. A brief letter from the supervisor or department head in which the research was done which should include a) a statement describing the role of the applicant in the work described in the manuscript and b) a succinct evaluation of the applicant’s potential as an investigator.
4. A signed statement from the candidate noting that their terminal degree (MD or PhD) was received after Mar 15, 2014, that their manuscript is not published on PubMed as of Mar 15, 2018 and that they are a paid member of the ISHR.

**If you do not get a confirming e-mail from Dr. Lobaugh within one week, please send a follow up inquiry without the attached file.** Failure to follow these guidelines is grounds for administrative withdrawal.

Three finalists will be selected by a Committee and invited to present their results at the Young Investigator’s Award Competition. A panel of judges will make the award based on scientific merit of the manuscript, quality of the presentation, and responses to questions asked during the discussion period. All finalists will be given a certificate and US\$500 check toward a portion of the cost of their travel expenses to attend the ISHR Meeting. The first place winner will also be given a plaque and an additional award of US\$500.

**Note:** Applicants may present their work in the regular poster sessions of the meeting, whether or not they are selected as YIA finalists. **Applicants are also encouraged to submit their abstract for consideration for oral presentation (deadline: Feb 15, 2018) in the ECI Symposium (May 29, 2018).** These presentations will not be part of the evaluation for the award (but need to be submitted separately in the normal manner for Abstract submission; a check box to indicate your intention to submit your abstract for consideration for the ECI Symposium is included in the online submission form).

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