

Rising Star Awards 2021

Each year, this prize is awarded to the most promising, emerging basic, translational, and clinical scientists. It provides a durable platform for these young researchers to further evolve their professional career. Awardees are jointly selected by the National Societies Committee and the Scientific Committee, based on a track record of international quality research and developing scientific independence.

1. Extent of the support

Selected Rising Stars 2021 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week Vienna 2021 (October 2-6). The Rising Stars status includes the following invitations and benefits:

- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week 2021, including a full UEG Week faculty package (free registration, hotel accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses).
- Possible additional faculty tasks at UEG Week 2021 and involvement in future UEG Weeks (as abstract reviewer, speaker, etc.).
- Continuous cooperation with UEG and the UEG Journal for our own as well as UEG-supported initiatives.

2. Nomination process

- Candidates must be supported by a [UEG Member Society](#)¹.
- One Member Society may support a maximum of two candidates. If two candidates are supported, at least one must be female.
- A letter of support, duly filled-out and signed by the supporting society, must be uploaded with the online application. The letter must include details on the promotion and selection process of the Rising Star candidates within the society.

3. Application criteria

Candidates for the Rising Star Awards 2021

- must be supported by a UEG Member Society.
- must be max. 40 years of age or younger
(born September 10, 1980 or later; add two years to age limit per child as main carer).
- must have their residence in a European country and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea.
- must show at least one publication as first, corresponding or last author in one of the top three journals in the respective field (e.g. Journal of Hepatology, Gastroenterology, Gut, Endoscopy).
Please note that this is a minimum criterion and that previous awardees all had substantial international quality publication records!
- may be at any career level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
- must be able to give their talk at UEG Week in fluent English.
- may apply max. three times for the award.

¹ Ordinary Member Society or National Society Members

4. Application process

The following mandatory documents must be uploaded during the candidate's online application:

- Completed application form including:
 - A listing of full papers, downloaded from Medline or PubMed (original articles only, no reviews, commentaries or letters)
 - A short outline of the Rising Star talk they would give at UEG Week 2021 (max. 300 words)
- Curriculum vitae (max. one A4 page)
- Letter of support from UEG Member Society
- *Optional (if applicable):*
For main carers who would like to request an extension of the age limit:
Please make sure to state this in your online application (checkbox) and upload the completed form accordingly.

**All forms and templates are available for download at www.ueg.eu.
Application deadline is Thursday, September 10, 2020.**

5. Review process

All submitted applications are reviewed and scored by:

- The chair and all regular members of the UEG National Societies Committee.
- The chair and the group-coordinators of the UEG Scientific Committee.

Reviewers will refrain from scoring an application in case of a personal conflict of interest (e.g. as a member of the nominating member society, in case of personal scientific links to the applicant or the like).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and awardees are approved by the chairs of the UEG National Societies Committee and the UEG Scientific Committee.

Rating is based on the following criteria:

- Up to 7 points:
 - Publication quality and quantity
- Up to 5 points each:
 - Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)
 - Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
- Up to 3 points:
 - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience

The UEG Rising Stars 2021 will be informed and announced in January 2021 at the latest.