

Rising Star Awards 2025

Call for applications

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. The awardees are selected based on a track record of international quality research and developing scientific independence.

1. Nature of the award & extent of the support

The Rising Star Award is a recognition award. Selected Rising Stars 2025 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week 2025 (October 2025). The Rising Star status includes the following invitations and benefits:

- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week 2025, including a full UEG Week faculty package
- Possible additional faculty tasks at UEG Week 2025 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. Application criteria

A candidate for the Rising Star Awards 2025

- must be a [myUEG Young GI Associate](#) (≤ 40 years of age)*
- must show at least one publication as first, corresponding or last author in a journal that is ranked in Q1 of the Clarivate Ranking 2023 (JCR 2023).

Please note that this is a minimum criterion and that previous awardees all had substantial international quality publication records.

The JCR 2023 will be published in late June 2024. If you do not have access to it, please request it from [Andrea Nowak](#).

- 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.
- must attend UEG Week in person.
- may apply max. three times for the award.
- must reside and work in Europe, in a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea, or in a country represented by a [UEG National Member Society](#). We also accept candidates currently working outside of the above defined area on condition that they have worked in the above defined area at least 5 years during the last 10 years.

*Main carers of children can apply for an extension of the age limit (2 years per child, but max. 4 years for two or more children) to become a Young GI Associate. To do so, please [fill out this form](#) and send it to [Andrea Nowak](#).

3. Application process

Applicants must upload:

- Completed application form, duly filled out and saved as PDF (use of [UEG template](#) is mandatory)

Optional document for upload:

- Letter of support by a UEG Member Society (using the official letter head)

Please note that applications that do not meet the application criteria and/or the formal requirements will not be considered for review.

Due date for application: September 4, 2024

4. Review process

Applications are reviewed by a diverse, multi-disciplinary expert panel, including but not limited to the members of the UEG National Societies Committee and the group coordinators and chair 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 supporting 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 3 points each:
 - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience
 - Motivation
- Up to 5 points each:
 - Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income)
 - Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes/awards, conference activity, PhD supervision etc.)
- Up to 7 points:
 - Publication quality and quantity

The UEG Rising Star Awardees 2025 will be informed and announced in January 2025 at the latest.