

UEG Research Prize 2025

Every year, UEG awards a prize for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research in the areas of gastroenterology, hepatology and related disciplines.

1. Extent of the support

The winner of the UEG Research Prize 2025

- receives the prize money of € 50,000, designated to support a future scientific research project from early stage to successful conclusion. The prize money is paid to the winner's department.
 - **Note:** Usage of the Prize is limited to salary support, equipment and research consumables in connection with the future research of the Recipient.
- will officially be awarded during UEG Week 2025 and will briefly present the winning project at a specific session.
- will be announced and introduced in the UEG Week 2025 online programme, on the UEG website and in post-congress reports.

2. Application criteria

- The target group are active, established senior researchers whose science will have a crucial impact on digestive health and whose proposed study will have a significant impact on the advancement of their career.
- Applicants should be leading a substantial research group and their work, preferably focused on research areas that generally have greater difficulty in obtaining funding, should be conducted predominantly in Europe.
- The applicant's work should have been supported by substantial peer reviewed grants through internationally recognised research councils, research charities or industrial partners.
- Applicants must have either
 - been mentioned at least once as (co-)author of an abstract submitted to UEG Week in the past 3 years (2022, 2023 and/or 2024) OR
 - have been awarded as UEG Rising Stars in the past 5 years (2020-2024).
- Applicants must commit to deliver the agreed research within the stipulated time frame.
- Applications from departments that received a Research Prize in the previous 5 years (2020-2024) will not be accepted.
- This prize is open to myUEG Associates and myUEG Young GI Associates.
- The prize will be awarded to the same recipient only once.
- We encourage candidates from all digestive health fields to apply.

3. Application process

Candidates must submit the completed application form together with their online application. **Application deadline is March 4, 2025.**

4. Selection process

- All applicants will be reviewed by the UEG Research Committee.
- The **scoring criteria** are structured as follows:
 - A. **Overall candidate score (40 points)** including
 - Scientific merit based on the candidate's biography, list of 10 best original publications and account of achievements (22 points)
 - International grants and consortia (10 points)
 - Internationally recognised prizes or fellowships (6 points)
 - Support to a junior professional (2 points)

B. Research proposal (40 points) including

- a. Quality of the research plan (20 points)
- b. Significance of the proposed research (15 points)
- c. Use of funds (5 points)

- The criteria have no absolute delimitations and no legal weight.
- All applicants will be informed about the status of their application by mid-April 2025.
- Unsuccessful candidates may re-apply.

5. Obligations towards UEG

The recipient of the UEG Research Prize will be required to submit scientific and financial reports on the work supported by the prize money (max. 5 years after receipt of the prize)

Furthermore, UEG expects the UEG Research Prize winner to

- submit a review article to UEG Journal by end of October 2025.
- accept potential UEG Week Faculty invitations in subsequent years.