

## Rising Star Awards 2026

### 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 careers. 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 2026 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week 2026 (October 2026). The Rising Star status includes the following invitations and benefits:

- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week 2026, including a full UEG Week faculty package
- Possible additional faculty tasks at UEG Week 2026 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 2026

- must be a [myUEG Young GI Associate](#) ( $\leq 40$  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 2024 (JCR 2024).

*For self-assessment: Please note that this is a minimum criterion and that previous awardees all had substantial international quality publication records.*

*The JCR 2024 will be published in late June 2025. 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 CV & application form, duly filled out and saved as PDF (use of the [UEG template](#) is mandatory)

Please adhere to word limitations and limit your publication list to your top 10 publications. 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, 2025**

#### 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 four group coordinators and the chair of the UEG Scientific Committee.

Reviewers will refrain from scoring an application in case of a personal conflict of interest (e.g. 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 5 points:
  - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience
- 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
- Up to 3 points:
  - Motivation

The UEG Rising Star Awardees 2026 will be informed and announced in January 2026 at the latest.