

UEG Research Prize 2027

Call for applications and criteria

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 recipient of the UEG Research Prize 2027

- receives the prize money of €50,000, designated to support a future scientific research project from its initial stage to successful completion. The prize money is paid to the recipient's department. **Note: The use of the prize is restricted to salary support, equipment, and research consumables related to the recipient's future research.**
- will be officially awarded during UEG Week 2027 and will briefly present the awarded project during a dedicated session.
- will be announced and introduced in the UEG Week 2027 online programme, on the UEG website and in post-congress reports.

2. **Application criteria**

Target Group

The UEG Research Prize is aimed at active, established senior researchers whose scientific work has a major impact on digestive health and whose proposed study will significantly advance their careers. UEG encourages applications from all fields within digestive health.

Eligible applicants should:

- Lead a substantial research group, with work carried out mainly in Europe.
- Focus on areas of research that generally face greater challenges in securing funding.
- Have a proven record of substantial peer-reviewed grants from internationally recognised research councils, charities, or industry partners.
- Have been listed as (co-)author of an abstract submitted to UEG Week in the past three years (2024, 2025, or 2026) or have been recognised as a UEG Rising Star within the past five years.
- Commit to delivering the proposed research within the agreed timeframe.

Additional conditions:

- Applications from departments that have received a UEG Research Prize in the past five years will not be accepted.
- The prize may be awarded to the same recipient only once.
- The call is open to UEG Associates and UEG Young Associates.

3. **Application process**

Candidates must submit the completed application form together with their online application. **Application deadline is December 10, 2026.**

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

- Quality of the research plan (20 points)
- Significance of the proposed research (15 points)
- 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 the end of March 2027.
- Applicants who are not successful in this call may reapply in future editions of the UEG Research Prize, provided they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

5. Obligations to 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 awardee to
 - submit a review article to UEG Journal by the end of October 2027
 - accept potential UEG Week Faculty invitations in subsequent years

6. Timeline

Application opens:	May 15, 2026
Application closes:	December 10, 2026
Review by RC:	January – February 2027
Notification to RP applicants:	March 31, 2027

UEG Research Prize project starts, and payment follows, as set out in the UEG Research Prize Agreement, typically following the award ceremony.