

Scoring WEH Section New Investigator Applications

The Award: The Water and Electrolyte Homeostasis Section New Investigator Award provides \$1,000 plus reimbursement of the advance registration fee and 1 year APS membership dues paid. The goal of the award is to recognize an outstanding investigator in the early stages of his/her career. Candidates should be investigators who have made meritorious contributions to the area represented by the Water and Electrolyte Homeostasis Section. They should not be above the rank of Assistant Professor or a comparable position in a research track at an academic institution or in industry (e.g. Scientist, Sr. Scientist, Research Investigator, etc.). Any member of the APS in good standing with a primary affiliation in the Water and Electrolyte Homeostasis Section may apply or be nominated for the award. The recipient of the award will present a lecture on his/her research during one of the scientific sessions of the Experimental Biology meeting and will be invited to publish a manuscript in the *American Journal of Physiology-Regulatory, Integrative & Comparative Physiology*. Awardees must attend the Experimental Biology meeting in order to collect the cash prize and will be recognized at the Water and Electrolyte Homeostasis Luncheon and Business Meeting.

The Application includes:

- (1) a curriculum vitae of the nominee with a complete list of publications
- (2) a brief one-page summary and analysis of the research contributions of the nominee
- (3) two letters of nomination from members of the APS

Grading Criteria: Based on the provided materials, Applicants will be assessed on their publications and contributions to areas related to water and electrolyte homeostasis and evidence of their independence and promise.

Commitment: Is the Applicant currently pursuing research related to water and electrolyte homeostasis? Does their research history support a commitment to areas related to water and electrolyte homeostasis?

Independence: Is there evidence that the Applicant is conducting independent research or pursuing an independent research area?

Publications: What is the quality of the science and productivity of the Applicant based on his/her publications in peer-reviewed journals?

Engagement: Is the Applicant an actively engaged member of the scientific community as demonstrated by his/her presentations at national/international scientific meetings, participation in scientific societies, etc?

Funding: Has the Applicant been successful in obtaining grant funding from private or public organizations at the local, state, or federal level?

Letters: Enthusiasm of letters of support?

Parameters	Rating			
	Outstanding (5)	Good (3)	Poor (1)	Can't Assess (0)
Commitment to WEH mission				
Independence				
Publications				
Engagement				
Funding				
Letters				
TOTAL SCORE:				

Numbers in parentheses refer to the maximal number of points for each parameter. Use the full grading scale. A “perfect” Applicant would score 30 points.

NOTE: If you are in conflict with ANY of the Applicants, you will be considered in conflict with all and must recuse yourself from voting.