The Cardiac Electrophysiology Society (CES) Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Competition recognizes and encourages the work of young investigators and their parent institutions. All submissions to the CES YIA Competition will be reviewed and two clinical and two basic science investigators will receive awards during the CES annual meeting.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**Monday, December 9, 2019, 11:59 p.m. ET:** All interested CES YIA Competition applicants must submit their abstracts and indicate their interest before the 2020 Heart Rhythm Abstract Submission Site closes.

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET:** CES YIA submissions are reviewed.

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

All authors wishing to participate in the CES YIA Competition must submit an abstract to the 2020 Heart Rhythm Submission Site and indicate their interest in being considered for the CES YIA in the “Awards” section. The submitting author must confirm that they are an active CES Member at the time of submission. If you wish to become a member of The Cardiac Electrophysiology Society please visit [Membership Information](#) to apply today.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The YIA Competition is open to any physician or scientist who is currently in a residency, fellowship, or doctoral training program, or who has been in such a program within the past three years (at the time of submission) that is active member of The Cardiovascular Electrophysiology Society (CES). The competition is also open to students in graduate or medical schools who are working on a problem concerned with cardiac pacing and/or electrophysiology, in the areas of clinical and basic research. The applicant must be the first author of the abstract submitted and an active *CES Member for consideration. No more than two submissions from the same sponsor are permitted.

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Individuals who have submitted abstracts to other major North American meetings and are awaiting notification of acceptance may also submit abstracts to the Heart Rhythm Society for consideration; however, upon acceptance from another organization, it is the responsibility of the author to notify the Heart Rhythm Society office by **Friday, February 14, 2020 11:59 p.m. ET** to withdraw the abstract.

An abstract is not eligible for consideration if it is published prior to the CES annual meeting or if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major North American meeting held prior to the CES meeting. However, the same abstract may be presented at both the HRS Scientific Sessions and the CES meeting.

**ELIGIBLE TOPICS**

Any work of an investigational nature that pertains directly or indirectly to cardiac pacing and/or electrophysiology is suitable for submission. This work may be in basic science or clinical investigation. Finalists are selected based on the qualifications of the candidate and the originality, importance and scientific excellence of a project that contributes to our understanding of cardiac pacing and electrophysiology and ultimately, improved patient care. The Young Investigators Award Competition submissions are reviewed and judged in one of two categories: basic research and clinical research.
**Basic/Translational Science**
01 Ion Channels and Transporters: Molecular Structure, Function, and Regulation
02 Ion Channels and Transporters: Micro Anatomy and Pathology
03 Genomics: Bench
04 Genomics: Translational
05 Cell Physiology, Pharmacology, and Signaling
06 Computer Modeling/Simulation
07 Intact Heart Electrophysiology (includes Pharmacology and Optical Mapping)
08 Whole Animal Electrophysiology and Pharmacology (includes Neurohumoral Modulation)

**Clinical Research** – all other categories (excluding Allied Professionals)

**PROCESS**
To be considered for the CES YIA Competition, the young investigator will need to submit an abstract during the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) 2020 Abstract Submission period (October 23 – December 9, 2019) and indicate that s/he is interested in applying for the CES YIA Competition. On January 9, all eligible CES YIA submissions will be reviewed. A maximum of 20 submitting authors in each category (basic and clinical) will showcase their posters and the top 5 highest scoring finalists in each category (basic and clinical) will present their posters in the CES YIA Competition at the CES luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

*NOTE: The Abstract Review process will generate a score of eligibility to compete in the CES YIA Competition.*

**NOTIFICATION**
CES YIA Poster Presenters and Finalist will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance in late February, the same time all abstract notifications are sent out. Please note that the Heart Rhythm Society will notify only the accepted presenters.

**PRESENTATION**
The CES YIA Awards Competition will take place at the CES Luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 12 – 1:15 p.m. Posters will be on display in the session room, each of the identified finalists will be given 10 minutes to present their poster followed by a 5-minute question-and-answer session with the CES YIA judges and the audience.

**AWARDS**
All CES YIA finalists will receive the discounted CES Member registration rate of $605 to the Annual Scientific Sessions. There will be two first prize awards: $1,000 for basic research and $1,000 for clinical research. Each runner-up will receive $500. The results will be announced by the CES Vice-President at the end of the CES session on **Wednesday, May 6, 2020.**

**QUESTIONS?**
If you have any questions about participating in the CES YIA Competition, please contact Kristian Adams, Manager, Scientific Sessions and Education: abstracts@HRSonline.org.