



European Association for the Study of Obesity

### EASO Scientific Awards 2012

The following EASO Awards will be presented at ECO2012, the 19<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Obesity.

- Young Investigator Award (x 3 - Basic Science, Clinical Research or Public Health)
- Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award
- EASO Travel Grants
- EASO Best Abstract and Best Poster Prizes

All scientists, and especially Young Investigators, are encouraged to apply for these awards. Please note that you can apply for several awards at one time - for example the Young Investigator Award - Basic Science, the Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award and the EASO Travel Grant using the 2012 EASO Awards Application Form (please note that the EASO Best Abstract and Best Poster Prizes will be awarded at the ECO2012 Closing Ceremony and will be selected by the ECO2012 International Scientific Committee).

#### EASO Young Investigators Awards for Basic Science, Clinical Research or Public Health (3 separate awards)

The Young Investigator Awards for Basic Science, Clinical Research and Public Health recognise 'rising stars' in the field of obesity through their contributions to Basic Science, Clinical Research or Public Health. The EASO Young Investigator Awards are highly regarded throughout the scientific community.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **11<sup>th</sup> December 2011** - late applications will **NOT** be considered. Award Winners will be announced in March 2012 - all applicants will be contacted by email to announce the EASO Awards Committee decision.

To be eligible for the Young Investigator Awards you must:

- Be 35 years or younger at the time of EASO's annual congress, the ECO.
- Have carried out the majority of work in Europe (although a proportion of work may have been performed outside of Europe)
- Be a member of an EASO affiliated national obesity association (please see the EASO website for a list of all EASO Member Associations)

Award winners will be invited to present their research in a 10 minute lecture during the opening ceremony of the European Congress on Obesity. Winners will be awarded complimentary full congress registration, three nights' accommodation, and return economy flights from place of residence to the congress. The winners will in addition receive a €1000 cash prize. **Award applicants MUST agree to submit a relevant review paper to *Obesity Facts*, the official journal of EASO, within 3 months of ECO2012.**

#### Guidance for your application:

Within your application you should highlight your top publications (up to five) for which you have been the first author, provide a short description outlining your work, and highlight how your work has contributed to the field of obesity. The originality of the work and the contribution to science will be considered as part of the application. Please give details of the number of oral presentations on an international level that you have given and include a list of awards and prizes obtained. Please also include a list of additional publications (i.e. not including your top publications noted above) that are related to obesity that you may feel strengthen your application and highlight any other significant achievements to date.

Please note: You **DO NOT** need to be nominated for these awards. EASO encourages all Young Investigators to apply. Please visit the [Awards section of the ECO2012 website](#) to download the 2012 EASO Awards application form.

## EASO Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award

The Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award aims to recognise younger scientists and their contribution to the obesity field. Younger scientists are encouraged to apply for the award to gain recognition for their thesis at an international level.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **11<sup>th</sup> December 2011** - late applications will **NOT** be considered. Award Winners will be announced in March 2012 - all applicants will be contacted by email to announce the YIU Board decision.

To be eligible for the Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award you must:

- Be nearly completing or have completed your PhD thesis
- Have carried out the majority of work in Europe (although a proportion of work may have been performed outside of Europe)
- Be a member of an EASO affiliated national obesity association

The Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award finalists will be invited to present their research during the Young Investigators United Evening at the annual European Congress on Obesity. The Young Investigators United Best Thesis Award Winner will be judged and announced during the session. The winner will receive an award certificate and a €1000 cash prize.

### Guidance for your application:

Within your application you should provide a short description outlining the work that was covered in your thesis, highlight any publications related to your thesis that you have been an author of and highlight how your work has contributed to the field of obesity. The originality of the work and the contribution to science will be considered as part of the application. Please visit the [Awards section of the ECO2012 website](#) to download the 2012 EASO Awards application form.

## EASO Travel Grant

In 2012 EASO will aim to offer 20 travel grants. Each grant will comprise a free registration plus €500 towards travel and accommodation. EASO Travel Grants are only available to those who would otherwise be precluded from attending the European Congress on Obesity for financial reasons.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **11<sup>th</sup> December 2011** - late applications will **NOT** be considered. Award Winners will be announced in March 2012 - all applicants will be contacted by email to announce the EASO Executive Committee decision.

To be eligible to apply for an EASO Travel Grant, you must:

- Be 35 years or younger at the time of the congress
- Have carried out your work in Europe
- Be a member of an EASO affiliated national obesity association.
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### Guidance for your application:

In your application you should justify why you require support to travel to the ECO congress. Please include also a short description outlining your work and your contributions to the scientific community and field of obesity research.

Please visit the [Awards section of the ECO2012 website](#) to download the 2012 EASO Awards application form.

## EASO Best Abstract and Poster Prize

You cannot apply for these awards, all abstracts and selected posters are considered.

In 2012, the top ranked abstract (following abstract review) in each track will be selected by the International Scientific Committee (ISC). These five abstracts will be awarded the 2012 EASO Best Abstract Prize, presented at the ECO2012 Closing Ceremony. Each award winner will receive a certificate and a €500 cash prize.

The EASO Poster Prize was introduced at ECO2007 and will be offered again at ECO2012. The ECO2012 ISC will select the top ranked abstracts from each track that are allocated to poster presentation. These posters, and **ONLY** these posters, will be eligible for the EASO Poster Prize. Posters, poster presentations and the original abstract will be taken into consideration. The EASO Poster Prizes will be awarded at the ECO2011 closing ceremony - prize winners must attend the closing ceremony to claim the prize.

If you wish your abstract to be considered for these prestigious prizes, please ensure that it is of the highest possible quality. The abstract submission section of the ECO2012 website will contain clear submission guidelines from September 2011.