

Call for Applications for

**EXCELLENT PAPER IN
CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH AWARD
2018**

Submission deadline for applications: **March 16, 2018**

For further information:

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1. General call description

The ERA-CVD partner countries are issuing the EXCELLENT PAPER IN CARDIOVASCULAR (EPCA) research AWARD to recognize the most remarkable and outstanding scientific publications by young researchers in the field of cardiovascular research. First authors of candidate publications published between January 1st, 2017 and December 31st, 2017 from CVD partner countries are eligible to apply. The deadline for proposal submission is March 16th 2018.

An award will be presented to the best proposal: The winner will be invited as a special ERA-CVD Young Investigator lecturer in the ESC Congress 2018, 25-29.8. 2018. The travel costs related to the lecture will be covered by ERA-CVD.

Call Partner Countries: All ERA-CVD partner countries

2. Aim of the call

ERA-CVD (European Research Area Network on Cardiovascular Diseases) has been set up to link 23 national research funding programmes and organizations in the field of cardiovascular research in Europe, Israel, Canada and Taiwan. The award is designed as a form of encouragement and support for young researchers at the early stage of their career.

3. Eligibility

The candidate must fulfil the following criteria:

Author:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- First Author in the proposed publication.- Age under 35 years old at the date of publication. Eligible breaks include parental leaves, long-term illness and national service. Other legal or personal circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis. Concerning parental leave, national rules apply, or 12 months per child, whichever is the greatest.- The Author must be affiliated in a CVD partner country at the time of publication (see Annex).- In case of equal first co-authorship, the award may be shared, if all authors meet the eligibility criteria for the award.
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Publication:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Award period: published between January 1st, 2017 and December 31st, 2017.- Original research article in an international peer review journal.- Impact factor of the journal above 10 based on the ISI Web of Knowledge.- Topic of the article must be clearly relevant to cardiovascular research.- Affiliation of the <i>first author</i> in a call partner country as stated in the publication.
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4. Application

Young researchers from the ERA-NET partner countries listed in the call text may submit a proposal for the EPCA. The proposal must be submitted electronically using the online form available through the CVD web page (<http://www.era-cvd.eu/>). Both pre- and postdoctoral young researchers working in ERA-CVD partner countries are encouraged to apply.

Applications are accepted from the first author of an original article published within the award period. The application consists of the following documents, bundled together into a **single** PDF file:

- Application form
- Short CV (maximum of one page)
- PDF of the article

The deadline for applications is **March 16th, 2018**. Applications must be sent to the ERA-CVD EPCA secretariat (see page 1) by 5:00 PM (UTC-GMT time). Incomplete applications will be rejected.

5. Evaluation

ERA-CVD will carry out the evaluation of the proposals by consulting high-level scientists in the field.

This could be done in collaboration with the EAB. Each ERA-CVD member will evaluate the proposals and rank them.

The proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Theoretical approach and scientific quality
- Scientific impact for the area
- Novelty and innovativeness of research

Based on the evaluation, the highest ranking proposals will be awarded the prizes.

Management

The ERA-CVD EPCA Secretariat together with the national funding agencies will be responsible for the management of the evaluation process.

The applicants will be informed about the decisions individually by the EPCA Secretariat in June 2018.

6. Award Presentation

The winner will win a 3000 euros prize and will be invited as a special ERA-CVD Young Investigator lecturer in the ESC Congress 2018, 25-29.8.2018. The award and travel costs related to the lecture will be covered by ERA-CVD. The winner may also be invited to contribute to the planning of the future activities in young investigator support within the ERA-CVD.

7. Call Schedule

• Announcement of the call	February 16, 2018
• Deadline for proposal submission	March 16, 2018
• Deadline for sending Evaluation of the proposals to EPCA secretariat	May 18, 2018
• Decisions and information about the evaluation results	June 8, 2018
• Award Presentation Ceremony	August 25-29, 2018

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