International Society for Heart Research
North American Section

NAS-ISHR MID-CAREER COMMITTEE (NAS-ISHR-MCI8+)

Leadership Achievement Award

Nominations are due February 16,2026

MCI Leadership Achievement Award: (One award; winner)
The purpose of this Award is to recognize an outstanding mid-career scientist who is making major and independent contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science, and leading a growing research program likely to play a significant role in the future. The main criteria for selecting awardees are scientific excellence, research contributions, mentoring, leadership and service to the cardiovascular community. The MCI Leadership Achievement Award is presented at the NAS ISHR annual meeting to an investigator in the intermediate phase of an established academic career. The awardee will present a major lecture, will receive a $1,000 honorarium and a plaque, and will be featured in JMCC.

Nature of the Prize
The Outstanding Mid-Career Investigator Award is presented at the NAS ISHR annual meeting. The awardee will present a major lecture, and will receive a $1,000 honorarium and a plaque. An announcement of this Award, along with a photograph and a short bio, will be published in Heart News and Views and posted on the ISHR website. The Award includes free meeting registration.

Eligibility
Candidates should be registered and in good standing ISHR-NAS members that hold a faculty appointment of Associate Professor or at least 8 years from first faculty appointment or Individuals who have taken a position in biotechnology or pharmaceutical industries with at least 8 years' experience (qualifications include a PhD, PharmD or equivalent degree with at least> eight (8) years of experience). Full Professors will not be considered for this award.

Procedure for Nomination and Selection

1. Nominations for the MCI Leadership Achievement Award will be sought and administered by the Chair of the NAS Mid-Career Committee, and the NAS Leadership Council of ISHR

2. Nominees and nominators must be active members of the International Society for Heart Research (ISHR) at the time of nomination. Please contact Dr. Maria Kontaridis at kelleybrodsky.ishrnsa@gmail.com for membership questions.

3. Nominations will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary Selection Committee composed of members of the NAS Leadership Committee. All NAS-MCI members may apply for this Award.

4. Members of the Selection Committee will declare any conflict of interest (or close relationship with any candidate) and the voting mechanism will be adjusted accordingly.

5. The Award carries with it the requirement to attend the ISHR meeting at which the award is presented.

6. **Requirements:** Nominations (one per person) must include the following materials, with all documents submitted electronically as a single PDF:

   a. A nomination letter (maximum two pages) confirming the nominee's commitment to attend the relevant ISHR meeting, if elected, and describing the nominee's research contributions and leadership achievements. Letters proposing a nomination are most helpful if they deal as specifically as possible with the candidate's most important contributions to science, as well as outlining any significant career breaks. Administrative service or leadership will be considered by the Selection Committee.

   b. Nominee's current curriculum vitae containing the following:

A statement from the candidate that includes:

i. Confirmation that they will attend the meeting and present their research;
ii. Provide a justification for their nomination and summary of their achievement

The CV should include the following sections:

iii. Position and appointment
iv. Awards/honors
v. Scientific accomplishments,please include number of citations for all publications, and HI index. Please highlight top 5 publications.
vi. Mentoring achievements and contributions to diversity and inclusion
vii. National and International recognition and service (committees and other professional achievements)

7. Any member of the ISHR-NAS section may submit a nomination (maximum nominations submitted one per member) *Nominee and nominator must be ISHR members

8. Self-nominations will not be considered.

9. Nominations should be sent to via e-mail to Kelley Brodsky at kelleybrodsky.ishrnas@gmail.com