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The Litsa Kranias ECI Leadership Award Nomination Guideline

The Litsa Kranias ECI Leadership Award was founded to recognize early career scientists demonstrating astounding leadership qualities. The purpose of this award is to recognize exemplary effort and initiative by an early-career member of the ISHR North American Section **in promoting the mission and goals of the ISHR, specifically in the areas of mentorship, collaborative scientific discovery, and/or leadership and service to the ISHR-NAS and/or scientific community**. This award honors the contributions of Dr. Evangelia (Litsa) Kranias to teaching and mentoring the next generation of cardiovascular researchers.

Dr. Kranias is Distinguished University Professor Emerita in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neurobiology at the University of Cincinnati. Her research has focused on the role of Ca-handling and Ca-signaling in the regulation of myocardial function and survival in health and disease. She has also identified human variants in key Ca-cycling genes that may serve as potential prognostic or diagnostic markers for the development of arrhythmia and heart failure.

Dr. Kranias has served as the senior advisor for the Early Career Investigators of the American Heart Association Basic Cardiovascular Sciences and the Early Career Investigators of the International Society of Heart Research. As a testament to Dr. Kranias' lifelong contributions to teaching and mentorship, she is also a co-principal investigator of a T32 training grant through the NIH and was awarded the University of Cincinnati Excellence in Doctoral Mentorship award and the University of Cincinnati Provost/Vice President of Research Faculty-to-Faculty Mentoring award.

Two awards are available:

- Clinical or postdoctoral fellow
- Early faculty (Assistant Professor, Instructor, Staff Scientist, or equivalent)

1. NOMINATION:

- Nominations for this award can be submitted by any member of the ISHR-NAS in good standing, including self-nominations.
- Nominees must be active, paid members of the ISHR-NAS in good standing.
- Nominees must be at the early career investigator (ECI) status at the time of nomination. Nominees must:
  - ✓ be an active research investigator in an area of cardiovascular biology or medicine at an accredited college/university or research institute based within the ISHR-NAS,
    AND
  - ✓ not be appointed as tenured faculty or at the rank of Associate Professor or higher, or as a mid-career investigator (MCI) of ISHR-NAS.

2. PROCESS:

- Nomination packages should include:
  - ✓ A letter detailing the appropriateness of the nominee for this award (max. 2pgs).
  - ✓ A current curriculum vitae (CV) of the nominee.
  - ✓ A statement by from the nominee, if nominated by another member, that addresses the following:
    - ➢ Their experience and engagement in mentorship.
    - ➢ Commitment to scientific engagement.
    - ➢ Examples of collaborative work.
    - ➢ Service and leadership to ISHR.

- The letter of nomination should highlight if the nominee belongs to a group of under-represented minorities and/or women in science.

- Please submit all nomination materials via email as a single PDF file (< 20 MB) to **Kelley Brodsky (**kelleybrodsky.ishrnas@gmail.com**)** with the email subject "Kranias Award (*Nominee name*)".
- The deadline for submissions is **April 12, 2027.**
- The 2027 Award recipients will be announced at the banquet awards gala dinner to be held in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday May 27th **.**
- Recipients will receive a monetary prize, award plaque and an invitation to join the ISHR-NAS ECI committee (effective 2027).
- The review committee is:

✓ Doug Tilley
✓ Kika Sucharov
✓ Litsa Kranias
✓ Maria Kontaridis
✓ Sakthi Sadayappan
✓ Susmita Sahoo
✓ Tish Murphy