Rising Star Award

Every year, the UEG National Societies Committee and the UEG Scientific Committee jointly select 6-8 clinical scientists as UEG Rising Stars. The selection is based on a track record of international quality research and on scientific independence. This initiative provides a durable platform for these young researchers to further improve and progress in their professional career.

1. **Extent of the support**
Selected Rising Stars 2019 will receive their award on occasion of UEG Week Barcelona 2019 (October 19-23). The Rising Stars status includes the following invitations and benefits:
- Invitation to give a presentation in the core programme of UEG Week Barcelona 2019, including a full UEG Faculty package (free registration, hotel accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses).
- Possible additional faculty tasks at UEG Week 2019 and involvement in future UEG Weeks (as reviewer of abstracts, speaker, session chair, etc.)
- Continuous cooperation with UEG for UEG and UEG supported initiatives

2. **Nomination process**
- Only candidates supported by a UEG Member Society\(^1\) can be considered.
- One Member Society may support a maximum of two candidates. If two candidates are supported, at least one must be female.
- A letter of support, duly filled-out and signed by the supporting society, must be joined to the application of the candidate(s). The letter must include details on the promotion and selection process of the Rising Star candidates within the society.

3. **Application criteria**
Candidates for the Rising Star Award 2019
- must be supported by a UEG Member Society.
- must be max. 40 years of age or younger at the time of application (born September 6, 1978 or later; add two years to age limit per child as main carer)
- must have as country of residence Europe and/or a country bordering the Mediterranean Sea.
- must show at least one publication as first, corresponding or last author in one of the top three journals in the respective field (such as Journal of Hepatology, Gut, Gastroenterology, Endoscopy)
  *Please note that this is a minimum criterion and, in practice, Rising Star awardees have substantial international quality publication records.*
- may be at any level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
- have to be able to give their talk at UEG Week in fluent English.
- Candidates may apply max. three times for the Rising Star Award

\(^1\) i.e. Ordinary Member Society or National Society Members
4. Application process
Candidates must submit the following mandatory documents:
- Curriculum vitae (max. one A4 page)
- Completed application form including:
  - A listing of full papers, downloaded from Medline or PubMed (original articles only, no reviews, commentaries or letters)
  - A short outline of the Rising Star talk they would give at UEG Week 2019 (max. 300 words)
- Support confirmation from UEG Member Society

Optional:
- For main carers who would like to request an extension of the age limit: Please make sure to state this in your online application (checkbox) and upload the completed form accordingly.

All forms and templates are available for download at www.ueg.eu.

Application deadline is Thursday, September 6, 2018.

5. Review process
All submitted applications are reviewed and scored by:
- Chair and all regular members of the National Societies Committee
- Chair and the group-coordinators of the Scientific Committee

Scoring is based on the following criteria:
- Up to 7 points
  - Publication quantity & quality
- Up to 5 points
  - Other markers of esteem (e.g. prizes, awards, conference activity etc.)
  - Evidence of independent research activity (last authorship, grant income, lab staff)
- Up to 3 points
  - Academic training record including PhD and post-doctoral experience

Reviewers will refrain from scoring one or more applications in case of a conflict of interest (e.g. as a member of the nominating Society, personal scientific links to the applicant).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and final awardees are confirmed in a consensus meeting of the UEG Scientific Committee.

The Rising Stars 2019 will be announced at the beginning of 2019.