**YOUPPIE Award**

# The European Pancreatic Club (EPC) official candidature for the UEG Rising Star award is an initiative by the Young Pancreatologist Platform in Europe (YOUPPIE, the young talent group of the EPC). This is an honorific appointment for young clinical or basic scientists with a brilliant career in the field of pancreatology. The YOUPPIE award represents a recognition for important achievements in scientific research, for the expansion of scientific knowledge and for achievements in the application of scientific research work. It provides a basis for young pancreatologists for further progress in their research work and career. YOUPPIE awardees (a woman and a man) will be the official EPC candidates for the United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Rising Star Awards.

Application criteria:

Candidates for the YOUPPIE award must be researchers focused on the physiology or diseases of the pancreas and must be eligible for the next year´s UEG Rising star award. The latter condition implies that the candidate:

* Must be max. 40 years of age at the time of application for next year UEG´s rising star award (In 2021 the online application is claimed to be open June 1 – September 10. Thus the applicant must be born September 10, 1981 or later. You can add 2 years 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 *Gu*t, *Gastroenterology*, *Endoscopy*)
* May be at any level but a full professor title will not be accepted.
* Must be able to give their talk at EPC meeting and UEG week in fluent English.
* May apply max. three times for the rising star award

Application process:

Candidates need to supply/provide the following mandatory documents:

* Curriculum vitae (max. one A4 page)
* The YOUPPIE award form
* A document proving that they are members of the EPC

Award invitations and benefits:

To be awarded implies:

* Invitation to give a presentation during the YOUPPIE session of the EPC Annual Meeting ("The YOUPPIE Award Talk“)
* Free registration for the EPC meeting
* Possibility for additional faculty tasks at the EPC Meeting (abstract reviewer, session chair etc.)
* Automatic nomination for the next UEG Rising Star Award on behalf of the EPC
* Continuous cooperation with YOUPPIE and EPC for appropriate initiatives

All applications will be reviewed and scored by the EPC Council.

The applications should be sent to the YOUPPIE secretary < youppiepancreas@gmail.com > with a copy to the EPC secretary < [secretariat.epc@gmail.com](mailto:secretariat.epc@gmail.com) > . You must receive a confirmation of receipt.

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. personal scientific links to the applicant).

Applications are ranked according to average scores and final awardees are confirmed in a consensus meeting of the EPC Council. There will be one or two YOUPPIE awards handed out per year.

The call for candidatures will be officially open from **February 26th until March 28th 2020**.

The received application will be evaluated during the first three weeks of April and winners will be announced during the last week of April.

Awardees will deliver their talk at the virtual EPC meeting in June 9-11.

Candidatures from YOUPPIE Awardees can be submitted for UEG Rising Star Award from June 1st to September 10th.