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CSL Behring – Prof. Heimburger Award 2020

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About the award

This award was created to honor Professor Dr. Norbert Heimburger, a CSL Behring employee, who made significant contributions to the treatment and understanding of blood coagulation disorders during his 30+ years’ service. Among his many achievements was the development of virus-safe plasma products based on pasteurization. His research led to the launch of the world’s first effectively virus-inactivated FVIII concentrate in 1981.

The Prof. Heimburger Award is now entering its 13th year, a testament to the CSL Behring’s ongoing commitment to supporting progress in the areas of hematology and thrombosis.

The scientific committee

Supporting the Next Generation of Coagulation Specialists

The scientific committee is made up of four global hematology specialists. Over the lifetime of the Prof. Heimburger Award, the rolling membership of the committee brings new perspectives and expertise to this outstanding program.

The success of the Prof. Heimburger Award has been realized with the support of world-leading researchers, all of whom have contributed to the conception and development of this grant. The scientific committee members have been asked to use their wide knowledge and expertise to evaluate and select the Prof. Heimburger Award recipients. Their enthusiasm and personal commitment to make this program successful is very much appreciated. The current scientific committee members are from Germany, Hungary, Japan and the USA.

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Applications for the 2020 awards

The success of the Prof. Heimburger Awards has been apparent with the increasing number of applications received annually. This year, the scope of applications was broad, covering a wide range of bleeding disorders, with a number of novel approaches piquing the interest of the scientific committee. The committee were impressed with the quality of the applications and highlighted the need for applied research in this area. A total of 37 applications were received, representing researchers from around the world.

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The scientific committee discussed their evaluations at a face-to-face meeting in December 2019. The high quality of this year’s applications resulted in lively and productive discussions among the committee members, and 10 applications were selected to progress to the next round. These 10 applicants have been instructed to submit a more detailed proposal on their research project, which should be clear in terms of objectives, research approach, and likely outcomes.

The scientific committee will individually review the final proposals to determine the five winners of the Prof. Heimburger Award 2020. The grants will be awarded at the Prof. Heimburger Awards Ceremony in Marburg, Germany, on May 15, 2020. **CSL colleagues and invited external experts are welcome to attend!**
Previous winners 2008–2019

2008
Sebastian Andre, France
Yesim Darguad, France
Paula James, Canada
Carolyn Miller, UK
Jörg Schüttrumpf, Germany

2009
Francesco Dentali, Italy
Albert T.A. Mairuhu, Netherlands
Luis Graca, Portugal
Grazia L. Mendolicchio, Italy
 Rochelle Winikoff, Canada

2010
Margareth Castro-Ozelo, Brazil
Attie Tuinenburg, Netherlands
Antonia Follenzi, Italy
Christophe Goubau, Belgium
Liesbeth De Waele, Belgium

2011
Chee Wee Tan, Australia
Janine van Loon, Netherlands
Mindy Simpson, USA
Jan Emmerechts, Belgium
Anne Angelillo-Scherrer, Switzerland

2012
Sara Stoof, Netherlands
Zane Kaplan, Australia
Laurent Gilardin, France
Sachiko Kanaji, USA
Laurens Nieuwenhuizen, Netherlands

2013
Brian Branchford, USA
Marie Baaij, Netherlands
Heiko Rühl, Germany
Karin P.M. van Galen, Netherlands
James D. McFadyen, Australia

2014
Satoshi Nishimura, Japan
Dominic Pepperell, Australia
Axel Schlagenhauf, Austria
Marleen Straat, Netherlands
Alice van Velzen, Netherlands

2015
Ashwini Bennett, Australia
Bryce Kerlin, USA
Jenny Klintman, Sweden
Tesse Leunissen, Netherlands
Michelle Sonneveld, Netherlands

2016
Johan Boender, Netherlands
Antonino Cannavó, Italy
Alessandro Casini, Switzerland
Michiel Coppens, Netherlands
Christopher Ng, USA

2017
Sandra LeQuellec, France
Elise Huisman, Netherlands
Maaike Blauwegeers, Netherlands
Beth Warren, USA
Saravanan Subramaniam, USA

2018
Ferdows Atiq, Netherlands
Samantha Donkel, Netherlands
Jessica Heijdra, Netherlands
Alexandre Theron, France
Lindsey George, USA

2019
Samantha C. Gouw, Netherlands
Derek J.B. Kleinveld, Netherlands
Lize F.D. van Vulpes, Netherlands
Sol Schuman, USA
Nicole A.M. Dekker, Netherlands
Grant details and application for 2021

CSL Behring is committed to supporting research progress for patients with bleeding disorders. Based on recent publications and feedback from the medical community, allowing the next generation of specialists to medically and scientifically establish themselves is important to ensure continued progress in this essential therapeutic area. CSL Behring will fund the next cycle of a global grant program to support the above objective.

CSL Behring has now extended the eligibility criteria for this award to also include emerging investigators with PhDs, and those in the fields of thrombosis and acquired bleeding disorders. We encourage all eligible investigators to prepare their applications for the 2021 round of Prof. Heimburger Award grants.

Grant details and eligibility

CSL Behring will set up 5 global start-up grants of €20,000 each. The grants are reserved for researchers who hold a medical degree or PhD. Applicants with less than 5 years faculty experience in hemostasis will be preferred.

No matching funding is a prerequisite for this grant. The grants will be available for clinical and/or preclinical research.

Application procedure

Applications for the 2021 cycle are being accepted from May 16, 2020; the deadline for applications is October 15, 2020. Further information on the Prof. Heimburger Award can be found at the following link.

For inquiries regarding application, policy and procedures information, please contact us at Heimburger.Award@cslbehring.com.