

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD ABSTRACT COMPETITION

The Young Investigator Award Abstract Competition recognizes outstanding early-career or young investigators' research accomplishments through high-ranking abstracts submitted for poster or oral presentation at the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC) Spring meeting. Qualifying first authors of abstracts submitted to SAWC Spring may apply for the Young Investigator Award during the abstract submission process. Candidates must submit unpublished abstracts with the intention of publishing their work in *Wounds*, if selected as the recipient. Previous Young Investigator Award recipients are not eligible.

Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be clinical or research residents, fellows, or advanced practice nursing students, or in the process of pursuing an advanced degree in clinical care.
2. Candidates must have less than 5 years of experience in wound healing at the time of submission.
3. Candidates must submit an abstract to SAWC Spring as first author.
4. Candidates must have primarily conducted the research presented in the abstract.
5. Candidates must provide a letter of recommendation from a mentor noting the research contributes to the research and their clinical goals.
6. Candidates must attend SAWC Spring to present their abstract; if a candidate is unable to attend the meeting, then the Award is forfeited.
7. Candidates must submit an abstract in the Clinical Research that has not been previously published.
8. Candidates who have previously received the Young Investigator Award are ineligible to reapply.
9. Candidates may be from any country.

Award:

1. Complimentary registration to SAWC Spring.
2. Oral presentation of the abstract during the Oral Abstract Session (Advanced Clinical Practice and Emerging Research) at SAWC Spring.
3. Invitation to submit abstract presentation as a paper submission for publication in *Wounds* within 8 weeks of SAWC Spring (Applicants are asked to work with the mentor providing the aforementioned research letter of recommendation to develop the manuscript for publication).
4. Engraved plaque recognizing the recipient as the ***Wounds/SAWC Outstanding Young Investigator***.

Selection Process:

1. Abstracts will be reviewed and scored by the SAWC Abstract Committee.
2. All abstracts will be ranked in descending order by mean score.
3. Applications with the aforementioned research letter of recommendation from a mentor will be reviewed for clinical impact and relevance to the field.
4. The top 10 highest-ranked abstracts submitted by eligible Young Investigators will be chosen from among the top 10% of all abstracts submitted.
5. The 10 highest-ranking abstracts will be reviewed by ***Wounds***.
6. From among these, the first author of the highest-ranked abstract will be selected as the recipient of the Young Investigator Award.