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of excellence
in orphan disease
treatment research**

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The 2022 Arrigo Recordati International Prize for Scientific Research

Young Investigator Award for Excellence in Pituitary Research

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Prize for Scientific Research was established in 2000 in memory of the Italian pharmaceutical entrepreneur Arrigo Recordati to perpetuate his legacy and to inspire biomedical discoveries benefiting people worldwide. Arrigo Recordati, who passed away prematurely in 1999, strongly believed in the power of research to drive development of the pharmaceutical industry and provide products beneficial to public health and individual wellbeing.

Over the last fifteen years Recordati has made the Rare Diseases field a health priority and has increased its commitment worldwide through its dedicated subsidiary Recordati Rare Diseases. The primary focus of Recordati Rare Diseases is to research, develop, and market drugs for the treatment of metabolic genetic disorders. Recently, this portfolio has been enhanced with additional innovative products in the area of rare endocrine diseases.

To reflect its commitment in the field of endocrinology, Recordati decided that the 2022 edition of the Arrigo Recordati International Prize for Scientific Research will be dedicated to the **promotion and recognition of excellence in research on pituitary disorders.**

Young investigators of all nationalities working in the area of pituitary disorders are eligible. They are typically junior faculty who are not more than ten years from completing their postdoctoral fellowship or clinical specialty fellowships and who are not in any way directly affiliated with a pharmaceutical company.

Basic, translational, and clinical research projects focusing on pituitary disorders are eligible.

The winning project will receive a € 100,000 research grant.

There will be no institutional indirect costs (e.g., overhead costs) added or subtracted from the grant. However, if there is a requirement for an indirect cost payable to the institution, a special request must be made to Recordati S.p.A. explaining the special circumstances. If approved, the maximum indirect rate would be 10% of the Prize.

2022 Review Committee

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of internationally recognized experts who have provided leadership throughout their long careers in the field of rare diseases.

For the 2022 Award, the Review Committee is composed of:

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Recordati recognizes the value of basic research to elucidate normal pituitary pathophysiology and the etiology of pituitary disorders, translational research to develop new diagnostics for early intervention, and clinical research to develop novel therapeutic strategies. Such research projects are sought for this competition.

Proposals should be based on strong preliminary results which support the project rationale. If a proposed experimental treatment is based on a pre-existing treatment, the project is eligible only if the treatment is being repurposed from another indication or if its formulation, or administration is changed in a major way, in order to improve treatment quality, compliance, efficacy, safety or any other significant patient benefit.

Intellectual Property Rights, when relevant, will be safeguarded.

2022 Award Ceremony

The winning project will be formally announced during an award ceremony at the European Congress of Endocrinology which will be held in **Milan from 21st to 24th May 2022**.

2022 Application Procedure

The application will follow a two-step selection process:

1) Preselection: from June 1st, 2021 to August 31st, 2021

Initial applications in English must be submitted online in the preselection period described above and should include:

- a Letter of Intent (*see below*) and the Project Summary Page (*see below*) describing the proposed project in 1200 words (plus one page for figures and/or tables).

The application must be submitted online at: **www.prize.recordati.it**

Applicants who submit an initial proposal will receive an email confirming receipt.

The Review Committee, and ad hoc experts, if needed, will evaluate all initial proposals to determine which Applicants will be invited to submit Full Research Project Applications.

Projects eligible for full review will be communicated to the Applicant **by November 20th, 2021**.

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Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be within 10 years of completing their postdoctoral fellowship or clinical specialty fellowship and typically are junior faculty member of a medical school, hospital, or a research institute.
- The Applicant must be the Principal Investigator of the research project and her/his role in the project must be clearly delineated.
- The Applicant's CV should be included.
- Applicants should use the Application Form and comply with instructions.

Exclusion criteria:

- Studies with results only obtained by *in vitro* cellular models
- Projects already awarded a Recordati Prize or supported by Recordati in the past
- Projects sponsored by other pharmaceutical companies
- Projects already completed.

2) Full Applications: from December 1st, 2021 to February 28th, 2022

Selected initial Applications will be invited to submit a Full Application for competitive review. The Full Application should be submitted by February 28, 2022, at 23.59 CET.

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The Review Committee will assess and select the winning project based on the quality of the proposed research.

The Review Committee will follow the "code of conduct" guidance to ensure that reviews are conducted in a fair and equitable manner. The members of the Review Committee are bound by the confidentiality rules generally applicable to such committees.

Applications from the Review Committee members or from faculty of their respective institutions will not be considered.

The Review Committee's decision is final and there is no appeal mechanism.

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2022 Award Details

Application Form

The Application Form must include a Letter of Intent and a Project Summary Page. The steps to apply are the following:

- 1) Preselection of the initial proposals is based on the Letter of Intent and the Project Summary Page.
- 2) Applicants of the selected initial proposals will be invited to submit Full Applications to compete for the Award by November 20th, 2021.

The selection of the winning project will be based on the evaluation of the Review Committee, and if necessary, ad hoc experts, who will assess the quality of the research as well as the potential impact of the results.

Letter of Intent

The Letter of Intent is an endorsement of the Principal Investigator and the proposed project by an administrative official of the applicant's medical school, hospital, or research institute.

Project Summary Page

In 1200 words (plus one page for figures and/or tables), succinctly describe the proposed project including:

- 1) background, unmet need, and significance of the project;
- 2) specific aims, objectives, or hypothesis;
- 3) preliminary studies and data relevant to the proposed project;
- 4) experimental design: description of methods and analyses to be performed for basic and translational research projects. If a clinical trial is proposed, present the trial design, with primary & secondary endpoints, as well as a statistical plan. If the project involves the design of a novel device for treating a disease or monitoring therapeutic effectiveness, provide sufficient detail to appreciate its design and novelty.
- 5) expected results and expected timeframe for completing the project.

Applicants should feel free to add any additional information/supportive data, as needed within the 1200 words limit.

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