



## WHS 2016 Awards Guidelines

### General Information

In order to be eligible for any WHS Award, you must agree to attend the meeting and give an oral or poster presentation on the work described in the abstract. In addition, you must attend the WHS business meeting for publicity photo and brief recognition award. All awards are forfeited if the awardee does **not** attend the meetings. Specific monetary amounts will be listed in your award notification letters.

### Young Investigator Award

**The YI Award Session will offer CE credit to attendees – ALL authors must complete a non-disclosure form upon acceptance.**

**Objective:** The purpose of the Young Investigator Award is to underscore the importance of furthering research in the area of wound healing by recognizing and rewarding top young researchers, and by facilitating the presentation and scientific discussion of new discoveries.

Top scoring individuals chosen for consideration will present their podium abstract during the Young Investigator Session.

**Award amount:** Awardees can receive up to \$1000 to help defray the costs of attending the WHS Annual Meeting. Each award winner will receive a \$500 award and a certificate in recognition of the high quality of his or her work. The top four (4) presentation award recipients will receive an additional \$500 award. In addition, the first (1<sup>st</sup>) place winner will be invited to present their winning paper at the next annual meeting of the European Tissue Repair Society.

#### Qualifications:

1. Must be Young Investigators. Young Investigators are considered undergraduate, graduate or professional (PhD, MD, DDS, DVM) and fellows (post-PhD, residents, specialty trainees).
2. Must be WHS members or apply for membership upon receiving acceptance of abstract.
3. Must answer the qualification questions during the online abstract submission process for the WHS annual meeting.

#### Selection criteria:

1. The Program Committee will review and rank all abstracts submitted for acceptance and presentation at the annual meeting.

2. The top 20 abstracts from Young Investigators will be referred to the Awards Committee for finalist selection (8). Multiple finalists from a single laboratory may be considered provided that there is not significant overlap between projects.

**Selection Process:**

1. Finalists are required to present their work at the Young Investigator Session at the Annual Meeting.
2. The winners are selected by scoring the YI Session podium presentations at the WHS Annual Meeting by the members of the WHS and Awards Committee.

**Award Presentation:**

Awards will be presented at the WHS Annual Business Meeting. Winners must be present to receive their awards.

### Industrial Research & Development Poster Award

**Objective:** The purpose of this award is to recognize members of corporate research and development teams that are working to show mechanisms of action or efficacy for their company's products. This award is designed to provide recognition for the best product-oriented research performed by research and development scientists within the corporate world.

**Award:** One award of \$500.

**Qualifications:**

1. Only abstracts submitted by corporate, non-academic entities as senior authors will be considered for competition.
2. Must have a WHS member on the team.
3. Abstract should detail a new idea, approach, or development of a wound healing product that has been conducted within a company or industrial research & development division.
4. Must answer the qualification questions during the online abstract submission process for the WHS annual meeting.

**Selection Process:**

1. Abstracts will be scored by the Program Committee and the top 10 abstracts will be selected as finalists for presentation at the annual meeting.
2. Finalists will be required to give an oral presentation during the poster session and will be judged by members of WHS and Awards Committee.
3. Posters not presented by the primary author will not be considered for award. Proxy presentations (even by coauthors) are not acceptable, except in extenuating circumstances as judged by awards committee.

**Award Presentation:**

Awards will be presented at the WHS Annual Business Meeting. Winner must be present to receive their award.

## Travel Award for Trainees

**Objective:** The purpose of the Trainee Travel Award is to recognize and reward the top trainees in the field of wound healing research by facilitating their attendance at the WHS Annual Meeting.

**Award amount:** Awardees will receive a monetary award to help defray the costs of attending the WHS Annual Meeting. **Awards are dependent on fund availability.**

**Qualifications:**

1. Must be an undergraduate, graduate or professional (PhD, MD, DDS, DVM) or fellow (post-PhD, residents, specialty trainees). Must be a WHS member in good standing.
2. Must answer the qualification questions during the online abstract submission process for the WHS annual meeting.

**Selection Process:**

1. The Program Committee will review and rank all abstracts submitted for acceptance and presentation at the annual meeting.
2. The top scoring trainee abstracts will be referred to the Awards Committee for selections.
3. Multiple trainees from a single laboratory may be considered provided that there is not significant overlap between projects.

**Award Presentation:**

Awards will be presented at the WHS Annual Business Meeting. Winners must be present to receive their awards.

## Excellence in Translational Regenerative Science

**Objective:** The purpose of the Excellence in Translational Regenerative Science Award is to recognize scientific work that fosters the development of cell-based and other therapies in wound healing and regenerative medicine toward clinical applicability.

**Award amount:** \$500 each to two awardees.

**Qualifications:**

1. Must be a wound healing researcher/practitioner (basic scientist, physician, nurse, physical therapist, etc.) who is or has been a member of WHS for at least the prior three years.
2. Must attend and present at the annual meeting.
3. Cannot come from the corporate sector.
4. Research must be unpublished.
5. Must answer the qualification questions during the online abstract submission process for the WHS annual meeting.

**Selection criteria:**

During the selection process the committee will consider specific criteria such as:

1. The winning research should demonstrate clear movement towards clinical applications defined, such as phase-I studies planned/ in progress.
2. Preference will be given to cell-based therapies; however, other therapies will be eligible.

**Selection Process:**

1. The awardee will be selected from abstracts submitted to the WHS annual meeting.
2. The applicants will indicate in abstract forms that their research be considered for the award. The applicant will need to add a section (100 words in separate box) along with abstracts indicating how their research has potential for clinical application.
3. Top 20 scoring abstracts will be chosen for consideration will be forwarded to the Awards committee. The Awards committee will form a subcommittee to score the work based on selection criteria mentioned above and rank the abstracts. As needed, this sub-committee will define specific guidelines for ranking the abstracts.
4. The ranks will be discussed in the full committee meeting and finalized before forwarding the recommendation to the BOD.

**Award Presentation:**

Two (2) awards will be presented at the WHS Annual Business Meeting. Winners must be present to receive their awards.

## WHS Members Junior Faculty Travel Grant

**Objective:** The purpose of the Award is to recognize and reward junior faculty in the field of wound healing research by facilitating his/her attendance at the WHS Annual Meeting.

**Award amount:** Awardee will receive \$1000 to help defray the costs of attending the WHS Annual Meeting.

**Qualifications:**

1. The candidate must be a non-tenured junior faculty member within 10 years of receiving his/her terminal degree
2. Must submit an abstract for presentation at the annual meeting.
3. Must be a WHS member in good standing.
4. Must answer the qualification questions during the online abstract submission process for the WHS annual meeting.

**Selection Process:**

1. Prior to the annual meeting, a list of the top abstracts for qualified WHS Junior Faculty will be reviewed.
2. The winner is selected by the WHS Awards Committee.

**Award Presentation:**

The award will be presented at the WHS Annual Business Meeting. Winner must be present to receive his/her award.