

**ISC Pre-Con Symposium III:
Health Equity & Actionable Disparities in Stroke: Understanding & Problem-solving (HEADS-UP)
Travel Awards for Early Stage Investigators**

In partnership with the American Stroke Association and National Institutes for Neurological Disorders and Stroke, ISC 2021 is planning to provide Travel Awards for Early Stage Investigators (ESIs) to encourage and support their efforts in the field of stroke disparities research. These travel funds are intended to permit selected ESIs to attend the second HEADS-UP Symposium on February 9, 2021. HEADS-UP is a multidisciplinary scientific forum focused on 5 major disparities in cerebrovascular disease (race/ethnic, sex, geographic, socioeconomic, global), with the overarching goal of reducing disparities in stroke and accelerating translation of research findings to improve outcomes for disadvantaged sociodemographic groups. Selected ESIs will receive travel stipends to attend the symposium, learn about the state-of-the-science on major stroke disparities from renowned experts, present their disparities research work at a dedicated poster session, and participate in career development sessions. The travel award will also allow awardees to attend the ISC 2021 conference.

Criteria for Submitting Abstracts and Consideration for Travel Awards

- Be a member of the American Heart Association (membership number required to complete award application).
- Be working in any area of stroke disparities research.
- Be in training as an Undergraduate, Doctoral Student, Resident or Fellow, Post-doctoral Scholar, or an individual within the first 3 years of their first faculty appointment.
- Be willing and able to present a poster on any area of stroke disparities research at HEADS-UP 2021 on Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021.
- Be willing and able to fully attend the entire HEADS-UP 2021 symposium
- Applicant's mentor must endorse the application in a supporting statement. The supporting statement from the mentor should describe:
 - why this candidate should receive a HEADS-UP 2021 ESI travel award
 - the applicant's role in designing, executing, and analyzing the research in the submitted abstract
- There are no citizenship requirements.
- We welcome applicants with the aforementioned research/career interests from all professional and scientific disciplines to apply
- We encourage individuals of under-represented race-ethnicity in medicine to apply (i.e. Black/African American, Hispanic, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, Native Alaskan, or Hawaiian).

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- Several awards (\$1,500 each) for conference travel are planned for ESIs.
- Comp registration to Pre-Con III: HEADS UP and the International Stroke Conference 2021.

Evaluation Criteria

- All abstracts submitted for this award will be evaluated for scientific merit by a review committee. Notification of the competition results will be made in mid-October 2020.

How to Apply

- 1) The applicant must submit an original abstract via the online ISC abstract submission site; the submission link can be found at strokeconference.org on Wed, May 20, 2020.
 - a. The abstract must be in accordance with overall ISC rules and regulations for submitting abstracts and must have been submitted by the deadline of **Tues, August 25, 2020, 11:59 p.m. CDT.**

- b. Candidates may submit the same abstract(s) to both ISC *and* HEADS-UP.
- 2) Supporting award materials must be uploaded online via the ISC abstract submitter site no later than **Monday, August 31, 2020, 12:00 Noon CDT**. Award materials arriving after this date cannot be considered and hard copies of the materials will not be accepted. The following supporting documents are mandatory:
 - a. A supporting statement from the applicant's mentor. This should include:
 - i. why this candidate should receive an ESI junior investigator award.
 - ii. the applicant's role in designing, executing, and analyzing the research in the submitted abstract.
 - b. A complete curriculum vitae, including bibliography and AHA Membership number, and clear documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the definition of an ESI as defined above.

Application Deadline

Abstracts must be submitted by **August 25, 2020, 11:59 p.m. CDT**. Supporting documents must be submitted by **August 31, 2020, 12 Noon CDT**.