

MSI Awards 2008

Rules and Regulations

1. PURPOSE

To promote new talents and research themes in the field of metabolic syndrome, the *Metabolic Syndrome Institute (MSI)* intends to stimulate experimental and clinical research in the field of metabolic syndrome by granting three annual awards – **The MSI Awards for Metabolic Syndrome Research** – to scientists or clinicians who will have submitted the best scientific applications according to the MSI Award Jury.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The MSI Awards will be granted to young scientists or clinicians working in the field of metabolic syndrome, insulin resistance, and/or related cardiovascular risk assessment and prevention (see *below*: Themes).

The MSI Awards contest is open to candidates irrespective of their gender and nationality. Applicants must use the English language to describe their research work or project.

The Awards cannot be granted twice to the same person.

The Awards will be granted on the basis of the quality of the completed or ongoing research works submitted.

The selection criteria are:

- originality of the work or research project
- scientific relevance
- scientific quality of work or research project and the prospect that the final report will result in a manuscript submitted to a peer reviewed journal
- scope of the project; in particular whether the proposed work can be completed with the grant of US \$ 10,000.

3. THEMES

The topics considered will encompass epidemiological, clinical, and experimental work.

Examples of topics under consideration will include:

- metabolic syndrome and/or insulin resistance pathophysiology,
- genetic and environmental factors affecting insulin action,
- clinical syndromes associated with the metabolic syndrome, including overweight, obesity and hypertension,
- atherogenic dyslipidemia,

- endothelial dysfunction and vascular inflammation,
- prediabetes and impaired glucose homeostasis,
- exercise and the metabolic syndrome,
- dietary intervention and the metabolic syndrome
- non-alcoholic fatty liver (NAFL) and steatohepatitis (NASH),
- polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS),
- prevention of clinical outcomes of the metabolic syndrome, including type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- any other topic clearly related to the metabolic syndrome

It must be understood that this list of topics is not exhaustive.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are only received through the [Application Form](http://www.metabolic-syndrome-institute.org) present on the MSI website (www.metabolic-syndrome-institute.org).

To be duly registered as MSI Awards applicants, candidates must return by regular mail a completely filled Application Form together with a curriculum vitae and submit a detailed description of their research work to:

The Metabolic Syndrome Institute
Awards Department
212 Avenue Paul Doumer
92500 Rueil Malmaison
France

The deadline for 2008 is December, 31st.

5. THE JURY

The MSI Award Jury will be composed of all members of the MSI convened during one of the bi-annual meetings of the MSI Scientific Committee. The Jury will be presided by the Chairman or the co-Chairmen of the MSI. All submissions will be pre-selected by the MSI Executive Board prior to their evaluation by the MSI Award Jury.

6. AWARD

For the year 2008, three successful applicants will be granted USD 10,000 each or the equivalent in euros, either in the form of a bank check drawn on a European bank or by bank wire transfer.

7. WINNERS' OBLIGATION

The obligations of winners are as follows:

Prior to receiving the Award, each winner will pledge to submit no later than 6 months after completion of their work a manuscript to an international peer-reviewed journal. The support from the MSI must be acknowledged in the manuscript. Winners may require editorial assistance from the MSI for the final version of their manuscript.

After publication of their work in a peer-reviewed journal, MSI Awards winners will provide a summary complimentary slide kit intended for users of the MSI website www.metabolic-syndrome-institute.org.

9. APPLICATION

The application should not be longer than 4 pages including references.

- a. Abstract not to exceed 15 lines.
- b. Background not to exceed 25 lines.
- c. Aim and specific objective.
- d. Study design.
 - Population
 - Sample size
 - Measurements
 - Outline of the experiment (in a graphic form if feasible)
- e. Budget. Describe how you propose to use the USD 10,000 sum (Equipment? Salaries? Field work? Seed money to generate additional support?)

10. UNCOVERED ISSUES

Any issue not covered by the present rules and regulations will be resolved by the MSI Awards Jury.

This regulation is deposited with the SCP Cochin and Nunes, bailiff of justice, taking up residence 13 boulevard Richelieu - Rueil Malmaison (92500) - France.

The competition is organized by the Metabolic Syndrome Institute, a French association governed by the French law of 1901. In case of dispute, the court of Nanterre is competent.