

ESGE NEXT GENERATION AWARD 2026 POLICY

INTRODUCTION

This ESGE award was first introduced at ESGE Days 2024, in honor of the 60th anniversary of ESGE's founding. The ESGE Next Generation Award shines a light on the most promising and emerging young investigators in GI endoscopic research. Moreover, this prestigious award may further advance the awardees' professional and academic careers. **Up to 5 awardees** will be selected based upon a record of high-quality endoscopic research publications and developing scientific independence.

NATURE OF THE AWARD & SUPPORT

The **ESGE Next Generation Award** is a recognition award. Awardees will receive their award at ESGE Days 2026 (May 14 – 16, 2026, Milan, Italy). Awardees **must be physically present** at ESGE Days to receive their award.

BENEFITS

- An invitation to receive the award and to present endoscopic research at ESGE Days 2026
- Complimentary ESGE Days 2026 registration
- A travel and accommodation grant of up to 1.200 EUR*
*Award winners are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangement
- An invitation to ESGE Days 2026 presidential dinner
- Possible additional faculty tasks at ESGE Days 2027

REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

Individual members applications:

- Applicants must be an individual member of ESGE at the time of application and have their primary residence and workplace in one of the [ESGE member society countries](#).
- Applicants must be born after 31 December 1984.
- Applicants must have at least 3 published original articles focused on endoscopic research and being first and/or corresponding/ last author in a Q1 Journal. This does not include case reports, review articles, letters to the editor, or book chapters
- Applicants must have a Google Scholar account
- Letter of nomination and support by an ESGE Member Society
- Applicants who are members of the ESGE Executive Committee or Governing Board (including committee and working group chairs) are NOT eligible to apply
- Applicants may be at any academic career level (including trainee status) except "Full Professor"
- Individuals may apply for the award a maximum of 3 times
- If selected, the awardee must be able to present a talk on their endoscopic research onsite at ESGE Days in fluent English
- If selected, the award and the benefits must be accepted as awarded and cannot be transferred, assigned, substituted, or redeemed for cash.



Member Societies applications and support letters requests:

ESGE Member Societies may put forward individuals directly and supply an official letter of support (on society's letterhead). The candidate will need to submit the application himself. As the call for applications has been sent to all ESGE individual members, ESGE member societies may also be approached directly by ESGE individual members requesting a letter of support.

- ESGE member societies may submit a maximum of 3 candidates
- If an ESGE member society submits more than one candidate, there must be equal gender distribution.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Completed online application form on ESGE website
- Application must be in English
- ESGE membership ID number is required
- CV (max. 2 pages)
- An up-to-date photo of applicants
- Letter of nomination and support by an ESGE Member Society on official letter head
- Links to applicant's publications
- Applications that fail to meet the criteria and/or the formal requirements (including a completed CV, application form, and a letter of nomination from an ESGE member society) will not undergo review

REVIEW PROCESS

All submitted applications will be reviewed and scored by:

- The chairs of the ESGE's Scientific, Research, Education and EYE Committees
- Reviewers will refrain from scoring an application in case of a personal conflict of interest (e.g., as a member of the supporting ESGE member society, in case of personal scientific links to the applicant or the like)
- Applications will be ranked according to mean scores and awardees will be finally approved by the ESGE Executive Committee
- Awardees will be notified and announced in March 2026
- Up to 5 awards will be awarded

TIMELINE

- Call for applications opens once a year
- Submission portal opens: November 11, 2025
- Submission deadline: January 13, 2026
- Announcement of award winners: March 2026

FEES

There is no application fee, however application is only available to ESGE individual members.