CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015

Warwick Allerton Hotel Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
October 15–18, 2015

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Dear Colleague:

I am delighted to invite you to the Eleventh Annual Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators’ Forum, which will take place at the Warwick Allerton Hotel Chicago from October 15–18, 2015. This Forum is a unique educational opportunity designed specifically for US-based young investigators (MDs, DOs) in cardiology who are conducting research on ischemic heart disease, atherosclerosis, heart failure, hypertension, thrombosis, arrhythmias, and nephrology. Young investigator cardiologists who are Junior Faculty (MD or DO who have completed a fellowship within the past 5 years and have an academic appointment of Assistant Professor or Clinical Instructor) and Fellows (actively enrolled in a fellowship program) are invited to submit an abstract of their research (clinical or basic science) to a panel of expert faculty for assessment.

The abstracts are blinded, and each one is scored by the expert faculty. Based on these scores, the top 44 abstracts are selected (11 clinical research [Junior Faculty and Fellows] and 11 basic science research [Junior Faculty and Fellows]). It should be noted that the final selection of abstracts is based on the quality of the research and the number of abstracts received in each category.

The top 44 investigators are invited to attend the Forum in Chicago to present their research in-depth for further review and commentary. Based on the scores of the expert faculty, the top presenting faculty in the clinical and basic science categories will be provided with a grant to be used for their research. Of special note, the research of the top 2 Junior Faculty (1 clinical, 1 basic science) will receive the “Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award” consisting of a $10,000 grant to assist the recipients in current or future research studies.

During the Forum, additional group discussions with expert faculty will be planned. At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify new areas of cardiovascular research that offer new inroads to effective therapies
- Identify the key components to be included in cardiovascular basic science and clinical research
- Discuss research study designs that may improve on current approaches to cardiovascular research
- Identify strengths and weaknesses of the research presented and receive constructive input on the studies presented
- Gain a better understanding of “what it takes” to become an expert researcher in cardiovascular disease and to develop a career in academic medicine
- Gain a clear understanding of the grant application and implementation process and advice on how to obtain uninterrupted time for research and financial support to carry out research.

Past participants indicate that this is one of the best programs they have attended because of its focus on research, interaction with other young investigators, and the mentorship provided by the expert faculty. I encourage you to submit the abstract of your research by Friday, June 26, 2015. If you need additional information, contact Julie Maravalhas of ARCoalition LLC (ARC), at 973-443-3825 or via e-mail at julie.maravalhas@ar-coalition.com.

On behalf of the expert faculty, I hope to see you in Chicago this October. I can guarantee you will have a rewarding experience, which will be beneficial to your career.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Bonow, MD, MS
Program Chairman
Abstract Submission Deadline

- All abstracts must be received by close of business on Friday, June 26, 2015.

Eligibility

- US-based Junior Faculty and Fellows (MDs and DOs) conducting research on ischemic heart disease, atherosclerosis, heart failure, hypertension, thrombosis, arrhythmias, or nephrology.
  - Junior Faculty are individuals who have completed their fellowship within the past 5 years and have an academic appointment of Assistant Professor or less.
  - Fellows must be enrolled (as of June 30, 2015) in a recognized fellowship program (clinical or basic science research).
- PhD-only research Fellows are not eligible.
- Candidates must be based in the United States (training must be completed at a US-based institution).
- All research must be unpublished original work in cardiology. Publication of the abstract alone does not preclude eligibility; however, if the abstract is published with the full manuscript prior to October 2, 2015, it will not be acceptable for submission.
- Abstracts/papers to be presented at future medical meetings are eligible for submission.

Abstract Policies and Procedures

- One submission per Young Investigator will be accepted.
- Abstracts must conform exactly to the abstract preparation instructions. Those that do not may be rejected.
- Only original work done by Young Investigators will be accepted.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in a program workbook. The publication of this workbook will not preclude publication or presentation elsewhere.

Selection Process

- Submission deadline is Friday, June 26, 2015.
- Robert O. Bonow, MD, MS, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and the expert faculty will review all submissions.
- Authors of the 44 abstracts selected for presentation at the Forum will be expected to present their research according to their status at the time the research was completed (ie, if research was conducted during fellowship training, it will be presented in the Fellows’ category).
- All presentations will be podium format and will consist of a formal presentation and question-and-answer period.

Finalists

The 44 finalists (authors of accepted abstracts) will be provided with the following:

- One (1) round-trip, economy-class ticket to Chicago.
- Reimbursement for ground transfers to and from the program hotel in Chicago.
- 3 nights’ lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at the program hotel.
- All group buffet meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the duration of the meeting.

Please note: expenses for accompanying travelers will not be provided. Guests are not permitted to attend any portion of the program, including buffet meals.

Awards

- An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday evening, October 17, 2015, at which time financial grants will be awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place winners in each of the categories. The recipients of the two Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Awards ($10,000/recipient) will also be announced at this time.

ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT DESIGNATION

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and ARCoalition LLC (ARC). The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 20.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Instructions for Abstract Preparation and Submission

1. IDENTIFICATION

Your submission **MUST** include the following information:

- Full name, degree(s)
- Mailing address
- Daytime telephone, fax, pager, E-mail
- Current institution (where fellowship is being conducted)
- Previous institution (where research was conducted, if applicable)
- Submitting author type: **Junior Faculty** or **Fellow**
- Study type: **Clinical** or **Basic Science**.

2. FORMAT

Abstracts should consist of a brief title (**bold, Initial Capitals**), descriptive of the research. Include first and last names and degrees of the authors. **Underline** the presenting author’s name and list the name and location of the institution where research was completed. Do not identify authors in the body of the abstract. Sans serif font (such as Arial or Helvetica) is preferred. Do not use font sizes smaller than 10 point.

**Abstract text must be 500 words or fewer.** Please make sure all figures are high resolution (at least 300 dpi). No more than a total of **4 figures and/or tables** per submission are permitted. Please limit figures to 1 graph or image each (ie, no multiple-part figures). All figures will be printed in black and white. Please keep this in mind and adjust your figures and legends accordingly. Legends should be included with the abstract text and not as part of the figures (not included in the 500-word limit); figures should be embedded in the abstract file and not included as separate E-mail attachments.

Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:

a) Disclosure of relevant financial relationships (not included in word count)

b) A sentence stating the purpose of the study

c) A brief statement of methods

d) A summary of results

e) A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state, “The results will be discussed.”

3. SUBMISSION

**BY E-MAIL:**

Forward an E-mail with the abstract attached as a Microsoft Word Version 2003 or higher document to: **Abstracts@ar-coalition.com**.

All identification information listed herein **MUST** be included at the top of your abstract. Abstracts that do not have complete identification information may not be accepted. The subject line of your E-mail **must** read: “**Your Last Name, Dept AZ049-15.”**

4. NOTIFICATION

**Abstract Receipt:** Notification of abstract receipt will be provided to you via E-mail.

**Abstract Acceptance:** Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided to you via E-mail in late July.

**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS BROCHURES**

Additional brochures can be downloaded from the ARC website at [http://www.ar-coalition/news/CVYIF](http://www.ar-coalition/news/CVYIF) or by directly contacting Julie Maravalhas, Senior Program Manager, at (973) 443-3825 or julie.maravalhas@ar-coalition.com.
The Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award

In 2005, the Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award was established to honor Dr Jeremiah Stamler and the tremendous influence he has had on cardiovascular research and preventive medicine. The top presenter in the Junior Faculty Basic Science and Junior Faculty Clinical Research categories will each be presented with this award of achievement representing excellence, commitment, and promise in the field of cardiovascular research. This award is a $10,000 grant that must be used directly to assist the recipients in current or future cardiovascular research studies.

Consideration for the Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award follows the same abstract application and submission process necessary for selection as a finalist in the Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators’ Forum. The evaluation, deliberation, and awarding of this grant are solely the responsibility of the independent faculty and chairperson of the program. Presentation of this award will be made at the forum’s awards ceremony.

Recipients of the Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award from the past 3 years include:

**2012 Recipients**

Reza Ardehali, MD, PhD  
UCLA School of Medicine  
Los Angeles, CA

Susan A. Matulevicius, MD  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Dallas, TX

**2013 Recipients**

Nicholas J. Leeper, MD  
Stanford University  
Stanford, CA

Brian R. Lindman, MD, MSCI  
Washington University School of Medicine  
St Louis, MO

**2014 Recipients**

Hyung J. Chun, MD  
Yale University School of Medicine  
New Haven, CT

Nathan O. Stitziel MD, PhD  
Washington University School of Medicine  
St Louis, MO

Jeremiah Stamler, MD

Dr Jeremiah Stamler has been a part of Northwestern University’s medical school community since 1958, when he first joined the Department of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. He went on to become a full Professor and the first Chair of the newly created Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine in 1972, a position he held for 16 years. In addition, Dr Stamler was the distinguished Dingman Professor of Cardiology at the medical school from 1973 to 1990 and served as Chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, before becoming Professor Emeritus. Throughout his tenure at the medical school, Dr Stamler has substantially advanced cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment. His leadership — local, national, and international since the 1950s — in preventive clinical trials, population-based research, and public policy is ongoing. In his present active involvement in several large-scale, long-term studies, he continues both to be extraordinarily productive personally, and to enhance the research capabilities and career development of younger collaborators — an important aspect of Dr Stamler’s contribution throughout these decades.
Expert Faculty

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