

## **Epilepsia Open Prize**

Established in 2018, the Epilepsia Open Prizes recognize exceptional original research published in Epilepsia Open that advances the understanding and treatment of epilepsy. Each year, two prizes are awarded, one for clinical research and one for basic science, to honor the most outstanding articles published during the preceding year.

The Prizes reflect Epilepsia Open's commitment to promoting high-quality, impactful research across the full spectrum of epilepsy science, from fundamental discovery to clinical application. By highlighting the work of emerging investigators, the Epilepsia Open Prizes aim to support and encourage talented early-career researchers as they establish independent and successful research programs in epilepsy.

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### **Article Eligibility**

Eligible articles must meet the following criteria:

- The article must be an original research or short research paper published in an issue of Epilepsia Open during the eligible publication year
  - Articles published online during the eligible publication year but not assigned to an issue are not eligible
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### **Author Eligibility**

- Eligible candidates are young investigators/authors (up to 45 years of age at the time of publication)
  - Authors must not have received a previous Epilepsia Open Prize
  - Confirmation of eligibility may be requested in the form of a curriculum vitae
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### **Selection Process**

Eligible papers are identified by the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor from among the high-quality papers accepted for publication in Epilepsia Open during the eligible publication year. Following nomination by the Epilepsia Open Editorial Board, final selection of the prize recipients is made by the Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor and confirmed by the ILAE President.

Articles in which an Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, or Editorial Board member is a co-author are eligible for nomination. Editors-in-Chief, Associate Editors, or Editorial Board members who are co-authors on a nominated article may not participate vote on that article due to conflict of interest.

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### **Award Presentation**

Prize recipients receive formal recognition from the ILAE and Epilepsia Open, which includes:

- An official certificate from Epilepsia Open and the ILAE
- Public announcement of the award by Epilepsia Open and the ILAE, including recognition through ILAE and Epilepsia Open communications (newsletters and social media)
- Presentation of the Epilepsia Open Prize at a major ILAE scientific congress, including an invitation for recipients to present their research
- Scholarly recognition in Epilepsia Open, including an article highlighting the prize recipients and their research