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Dear Colleagues, Friends of the Society,

**The commitment to educating the next generation of schizophrenia researchers** is one of the major goals of the **Schizophrenia International Research Society (SIRS)**.

We strongly believe that the future of research and clinical care in schizophrenia and other neurodevelopmental disorders lays in the fostering of future generations of scientists. To this end, SIRS has a dedicated program designed to sponsor graduate students, residents, fellows, and new faculty members who have completed their last training within 5 years and that through their research, teaching, or clinical activities have demonstrated professional and scientific interest in the field of schizophrenia research.

**Each year, SIRS provides around forty awards to early career scientists and clinicians.** The Early Career Award application process is open now. Submissions are due by Tuesday, 30 November 2021. (Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the program on the **SIRS** website). Awardees will be notified by early January 2022).

Candidates will indicate their interest in schizophrenia research in the application process and, if possible, indicate interest for future involvement and activity in the field. Our hope is that you will reach out to young investigators and encourage them to submit a poster or oral presentation and apply for the Early Career Award for the 2022 Congress. Note that as part of the Society's effort to increase inclusion and diversity, candidates from underrepresented minorities are deeply encouraged to apply.

**Why Apply to the Early Career Awards:**

**SIRS Early Career Awardees will be:**

- Able to attend an outstanding 2022 Congress
- Exposed to novel, cutting edge research
- Able to network with established scientists and clinicians
- Able to connect with peers
- Provided a mentor throughout the meeting
- Given a waived registration fee
- Provided with partial coverage of costs for transportation and lodging
- Invited to special early career awardees events



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The 2022 Congress, the networking, the mentoring allows Early Career awardees to begin a journey of career opportunities that cannot be duplicated anywhere else.

**How Awardees are Selected:**

**SIRS** committee members select the awardees based on the following application materials requirements:

- A short statement about applicant's career goals
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Supporting letter from that applicant's Director of Training or Department Chair **AND** proof of Student/Post-Doc status
- A poster or oral presentation abstract submission

***We encourage you to share this information with colleagues and eligible students and enlist your organization to contribute at increasing participation of bright minds at early career stages in the 2022 Congress and in schizophrenia research.***

The upcoming 2022 Congress will take place in a hybrid format both online and in-person in Florence Italy on 6-10 April 2022. The 2022 Congress theme is ***Moving Forward Together: Diversity in Global Research***. As in past years, we expect thousands of researchers with significant global representation.

Participating in the 2022 Congress and applying to the Early Career awards provides young minds a unique opportunity that will open new perspectives on schizophrenia research. We are looking forward to your participation and that of the early career schizophrenia researchers and clinicians in your department.

With best regards,

**Elisabetta C. del Re, Ph.D.**

Chair of the SIRS Education Committee

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