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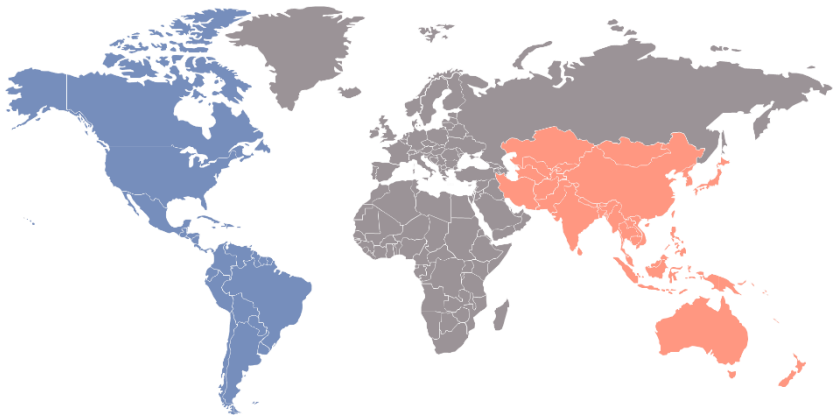
LEO Foundation Awards

Copenhagen, Denmark – March 2019

Three LEO Foundation Awards of each 100.000 USD

The LEO Foundation Awards constitute a global recognition and are given annually to outstanding young scientists whose work represent extraordinary contributions to dermatology research. There will be three awards of 100.000 USD, one in each of the Americas, EMEA (Europe/Middle East/Africa) and Asia-Pacific regions.



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Region	Americas	EMEA	Asia-Pacific
Deadline for application	15 February 2019	31 May 2019	9 August 2019
Presentation of award (exact dates will follow)	During the 77th SID meeting in Chicago, USA *8-11 May 2019*	During the 49th ESDR meeting in Bordeaux, France *18-21 September 2019*	During the 44th JSID meeting in Aomori, Japan *8-10 November 2019*

To read more about the awards, please scroll down or go directly to www.leo-foundation.org.

About the LEO Foundation

The LEO Foundation is among Denmark's largest commercial foundations. The LEO Foundation owns all shares in LEO Pharma and is independent from heirs and other interests.

With the LEO Foundation's long-term perspective and active ownership, LEO Pharma is today a leading provider of dermatology care solutions to millions of people around the world suffering from skin diseases.

In addition to the ownership of LEO Pharma, the LEO Foundation holds financial assets of approximately DKK 18 billion. These considerable financial assets are managed with two objectives in mind: To always be able to support LEO Pharma's long-term continuation and strategic development, as well as to provide funds for the Foundation's philanthropic activities.

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The LEO Foundation provides philanthropic grants and awards to some of the world's leading scientists within skin research, combating the impact of skin diseases. The aspirations for the LEO Foundation's philanthropic activities are to support the best international research in skin diseases and make Denmark a global beacon for skin research. All LEO Foundation philanthropic activities are carried out at arms-length of LEO Pharma.

The LEO Foundation provides four types of grants and awards:

- **Strategic grants** are given as larger and longer-term commitments to support excellent dermatology research within specific areas
- **Open competition grants** are given to support the best dermatology research projects worldwide
- **Education and awareness grants** are given to support the pipeline of future researchers through educational and other activities to raise awareness about skin, skin diseases and the LEO Foundation
- **LEO Foundation Awards** are given annually to outstanding young scientists from around the World, whose work represent extraordinary contributions to dermatology research

All grants and awards are decided by the LEO Foundation Board of Trustees and the Foundation has no intellectual property rights to results coming from our philanthropic activities. However, the Foundation requests that the results are published.

Please see a short movie about the LEO Foundation here.

Objectives for LEO Foundation Awards

With our LEO Foundation Awards, we want to recognize the individual young researchers and scientists around the world, whose work represent extraordinary contributions to medical research and whose results advance our understanding of skin diseases and have the potential to pave the way for new and improved treatments. Furthermore, we want our awards to benefit and strengthen the entire dermatology research community.

Starting in 2019, the LEO Foundation Awards will be given as regional awards of 100.000 USD each within the EMEA (Europe/Middle East/Africa), Americas and Asia-Pacific regions thereby covering the whole world and being a global recognition. Each annual regional award will be presented in collaboration with the relevant investigative dermatology societies from each region (e.g. ESDR, SID and JSID in 2019).

All future LEO Foundation Awardees will be requested to join the LEO Foundation Alumni Club and to participate and contribute at two events within three years following their receipt of the award. The LEO Foundation will agree events and contributions with all awardees.

Who can apply for LEO Foundation Awards

An applicant should

- Have conducted the research on which the application is based and have his/her primary workplace within the relevant region at the time of being selected as awardee
- Be between 30 and 40 years of age at the time of being selected as awardee. Natural and reasonable career breaks such as paternity/maternity leave, military service or the like may be deducted

- Be able to demonstrate scientific merits in the form of at least 5 peer-reviewed first author or co-first author publications within skin-related research
- Be an active scientist within skin-related research
- Agree to become a member of the 'LEO Foundation Alumni Club' with accompanying obligations, if selected as awardee

An applicant should NOT

- Have commercial or cosmetic/aesthetic research as his/her primary focus
- Have personal or financial ties to LEO Pharma, including involvement in e.g. sponsored studies or clinical trials at PI level
- Be an earlier recipient of a LEO Foundation Award
- Be an earlier recipient of another prize or award (personal or for research) exceeding a value of 50.000 USD. Regular research grants are exempt from this condition.

The process for LEO Foundation Awards

All LEO Foundation awardees will be evaluated and selected according to a uniform global standard:

- The LEO Foundation will make 3 annual calls, i.e. one per region. The timing of these calls will be set depending on the specific meeting or event where the award will be presented and in agreement with the relevant investigative dermatology society
- There will be one fixed application form per region and the form can be downloaded via www.leo-foundation.org
- All applications will be submitted directly to the LEO Foundation
- An applicant should include in the application a CV and a Letter of Recommendation from a current or previous head of unit, mentor, collaborator or colleague at a more senior academic level (at least Associate Professor)
- The LEO Foundation will ensure an independent and unbiased evaluation process in which all applications will be evaluated based on the same criteria and towards the same scientific level
- The LEO Foundation Board of Trustees will decide on all awardees.

LEO Foundation Awards – WE WELCOME QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

You can find more information about the LEO Foundation and the LEO Foundation Awards on www.leo-foundation.org.

If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to us via applications@leo-foundation.org.

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