



Request for Nominations 2023 LUPUS INSIGHT PRIZE \$100,000

INTRODUCTION

The Lupus Research Alliance (LRA) requests nominations for the 2023 Lupus Insight Prize recognizing and honoring significant scientific insights relevant to understanding the causes, pathogenesis, or treatment of lupus. The Prize also aims to stimulate further advances leading to improved outcomes for lupus patients and ultimately to a cure.

The Lupus Insight Prize provides research funds to an outstanding investigator with a documented record of creativity, innovation, and productivity who has made a novel insight or discovery in a research area applicable to the pathogenesis or treatment of lupus. The investigator must have a high likelihood of generating further significant advances by applying the insight to lupus.

PRIZE OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Lupus Insight Prize is to identify and recognize an outstanding investigator who has developed a novel research insight in scientific domains relevant to lupus. **The Prize is not a lifetime achievement award. Rather, the Lupus Insight Prize is given for a specific, significant, and recent discovery relevant to lupus.** The seminal observation should have been published between 2018 and 2022. Nominations for discoveries from before 2018 will not be considered.

In addition to recognizing a specific insight or discovery, the Prize also aims to direct the talents of the Prize recipient toward further high impact research achievement and testing of the insight in lupus. This should shift the current paradigms and significantly advance the understanding or treatment of lupus. Secondary objectives of the Prize are to: (1) raise the visibility of lupus as a significant medical condition among the general public and (2) demonstrate the determination of the LRA to surmount the challenges of this complex and debilitating disease through the support of research.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations of basic, clinical, and translational scientists will be considered. Nominations will be accepted for investigators of any age or rank affiliated with an academic, biomedical, research, government, or biotechnology/pharmaceutical institution worldwide. Should an investigator currently working in the biotechnology/pharmaceutical industry be awarded the Lupus Insight Prize, recognition will be limited to the presentation of the Award plaque

and the celebrations associated with this event at the FOCIS meeting. No monetary grant award can be given to investigators currently working in industry. Co-Investigators or teams of investigators are not eligible for this Prize. Only one nomination will be accepted per investigator. Self-nominations are not allowed.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Each nominator can nominate only one candidate per year. Once a nomination has been submitted, it will remain active for up to four years (the original submission plus three additional years), unless withdrawn by the nominator. Nominations carried from prior years can be updated, if necessary, by the nomination deadline. There are no geographic restrictions on the nominee or the nominator. Nominators are discouraged from simultaneously serving as supporters for other Lupus Insight Prize nominees.

The nominator should submit the materials listed below in the indicated order as a single pdf document to Diomaris Gonzalez at dgonzalez@lupusresearch.org by 5 pm ET on the due date:

1. Nomination Form

The [Nomination Form template](#) **must** be used. All the information a nominator would like to communicate to the Selection Committee about the nominee must be contained within the specific sections and word limits of the nomination form.

The nominator is to provide the names and contact information for three supporters who must be available during the months of January and February 2023 to fill out a comprehensive questionnaire to endorse the nomination. **Please make sure that the listed supporters are willing and able to complete the questionnaire before submitting a nomination.**

2. Publications relevant to the Lupus Insight Prize nomination

The nominator should submit up to three of the candidate's publications relevant to the nomination. At least one must be the primary publication of the discovery/insight for which the Prize is being sought.

3. Candidate's CV

An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae for the candidate must be provided.

Hard copies of the above nomination materials will not be accepted.

KEY DATES

Call for Nominations:	June 22, 2022
Nominations Due:	January 12, 2023
Nominations Review:	February – March 2023
Notifications:	April 2023
Award Ceremony:	FOCIS Annual Meeting – June 2023

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees for the Lupus Insight Prize will be evaluated based on the scientific discovery/insight for which they are being nominated. Specifically, nominations will be judged based on 1) the novelty and significance of the discovery/insight, 2) the likelihood of its successful further application to lupus or further development within lupus, and 3) the potential of the discovery/insight to ultimately impact lupus patients.

SELECTION PROCESS

Representative scientific advisors from academia and industry will be selected by the LRA and will constitute the Lupus Insight Prize Selection Committee. The Committee will not include any nominators or supporters (as defined in #1 above) of an active nomination. The members of the Selection Committee will review all nominations and will solicit input from the supporters of each nomination. The Selection Committee will select the recipient of the Lupus Insight Prize after careful consideration of each candidate's nomination materials and input from their supporters. The selection will be ratified by the LRA's Board of Directors.

AWARD TERMS

The Prize recipient must agree to provide a one-page description of the research they will conduct using the Award money. This must be submitted via email within one month of the award notification letter. In addition, the awardee must agree to attend and give a lecture at the Lupus Insight Prize Award Ceremony to be held at the FOCIS meeting in June 2023. For further details see the Prize Ceremony section below.

PRIZE FUNDS

The institution of the Prize recipient, unless the recipient is working for a biotechnology or a pharmaceutical company, will receive \$100,000 to be used at the discretion of the recipient with the expectation that the funds will be used to apply the discovery/insight for which the Prize was awarded toward advancing understanding of the genetic, environmental, molecular, immunologic, or cellular aspects of lupus or its treatment. As noted in the Eligibility section above, no monetary award can be given to investigators currently working in industry.

The Prize can be transferred to another institution if the recipient changes their affiliation but cannot be renewed. The funds are to be spent within one year of the start date of the award. The award will be made in US dollars and no adjustments will be made to offset any currency fluctuations.

LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS

A maximum of 20% of the total dollar amount of the Lupus Insight Prize can be utilized towards the recipient's salary and fringe benefits. In addition, a maximum of 20% of the total dollar amount can be utilized towards the purchase of laboratory equipment. Under no circumstances can any of the funds be used to pay institutional overhead or indirect costs. The total amount of the Prize must be utilized for the described research within one year of the start date of the award.

PRIZE CEREMONY

The recipient of the Lupus Insight Prize will be honored at a public ceremony at the FOCIS Annual Meeting in June 2023. The recipient is expected to deliver a lecture describing their discovery/insight, the past work that resulted in the insight, and the planned research as it relates to lupus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information about the Lupus Insight Prize, including a list of past recipients, please visit the Prize website: <https://www.lupusresearch.org/for-researchers/funding-opportunities/insight-prize>.

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