Name

Scientific Research Award

Definition

• Despite significant achievements in the field of cancer research, pediatric cancer research is still vastly and consistently underfunded. However, scientific research plays a critical role in improving prevention, diagnosis and treatment options for children with cancer.

• The prestigious PAASHA Scientific Research Award, established in 2009, recognizes a scientist who has made a major scientific discovery in pediatric cancer research; in addition, the Award builds the capacity of researchers who excel in the field. PAASHA Scientific Research Award is awarded once every two years.

• The award is intended to honor an individual scientist. The award consists of an unrestricted honorarium of SAR 100,000, commemorative plaque, and attendance at the Award Gala.

Goals

The Scientific Research Award:
• Recognizes excellent research focusing on prevention, diagnosis, treatment and understanding of pediatric cancer
• Builds the capacity and skills of researchers
• Raises public awareness of pediatric cancer
• Builds and empowers networks of leading practitioners

Target

• Research studies focused on prevention, diagnosis and treatment of pediatric cancer

Eligibility

• Each applicant must be a researcher in the field of pediatric cancer, with an advanced degree (Ph.D., M.D.)
• Applicants must be affiliated with institutions in academia, industry, or government that are involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science
• Applicant must be a resident of the Arabic speaking MENA countries
• The research must have been completed within the previous 3 years
• The applicant must have performed or personally directed the research work
• Employees of SANAD and their immediate relatives are not eligible for the prize
**IMPORTANT**
- Institutions or organizations are not eligible for the award
- Receipt of other major awards does not preclude a candidate from eligibility for the award
- No regard shall be given to race, gender, nationality or religion

**Nomination**

- The competition is by third-party nomination only.
- Nominations may be made by any institution or a scientist who is now or has been affiliated with any institution involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science.
- Self-nomination is not permitted
- There is no restriction on the number of candidates that may be nominated by any institution or individual.
- There is no restriction on the number of candidates that may be nominated by any individual scientist.
- Nominations must be emailed to info@passha.org
- Paper nominations cannot be accepted

**Nomination process is the following:**

1. **Nomination Letter.** The nominator submits a letter of nomination to the PAASHA. The letter must:
   - be addressed to the Selection Committee;
   - be written in English;
   - not exceed 1,000 words;
   - specify the Award for which the candidate is being nominated;
   - clearly state nominators name and full contact information;
   - clearly indicate applicants name and full contact information;
   - contain a concise description of the candidate’s major scientific discovery in pediatric cancer research and the impact of these accomplishments on the field, with publications supporting these accomplishments directly referenced within the letter; and
   - be signed by the nominator.

2. **Electronic copy** (pdf form) of the actual research study (in the original language)

3. **Candidate’s CV.** The candidate’s curriculum vitae in English and Arabic, including a complete list of the candidate’s publications.

4. **Summary Statement.** A statement of no more than 200 words in English summarizing the candidate’s research accomplishments for which he or she is being nominated.
Evaluation Criteria

The selection process is rooted in the following key evaluation areas:

1. Significance of findings
2. Novelty of findings
3. Potential to impact prevention, diagnosis, treatment or understanding of pediatric cancer
4. Rigor of methodological approach
5. Clarity of writing

IMPORTANT: Winning individual is required to participate in the Awards Gala.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- The materials to be submitted must include:
  - Nomination Letter
  - Electronic copy of the research study
  - Curriculum Vitae with full publications history
  - Summary Statement

Send application and supporting documents to info@passha.org

IMPORTANT: Applications lacking ALL required supporting documents will NOT be considered. Paper nominations will not be accepted.

CHANGES TO THE NOMINATION

Withdrawal of nomination: Nominations can be withdrawn only within 2 weeks after nomination period has been closed. It is NOT possible to withdraw the nomination after that period. Please advise the PAASHA promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your nomination for any reason. Your letter (or e-mail) should include the nominator’s name and institution, the title of the Award and name of the candidate/institution, and the reason for withdrawal.