



William A. Zoghbi International Research Award FAQs

General Award Information

1. How many research related awards are funded each year?

There is one research award funded annually. The recipient will be notified of their selection in October/November with research commencing in July.

2. I am not an ACC member; can I still apply?

No, you must be an ACC International Associate or ACC Fellow, or have passed the ACC's Certified Cardiovascular Knowledge Examination (CCKE).

Award Application Process

3. I am interested in applying for the Dr. William A. Zoghbi International Research Award. How do I submit my application?

To submit an application for the Dr. William A. Zoghbi International Research Award please go to <https://acc.gsubmit.net/cgi-bin/main.plex>. Applications may only be submitted via the online submission site.

4. What are the deadlines for the William A. Zoghbi International Research Award?

The deadline for the William A. Zoghbi International Research Award is as follows:

- AUGUST 14, 2023

Applications must be uploaded to the ACC submission site by 11:59p.m. ET on the deadline date.

5. What are the formatting requirements for the project description and other supplemental documents?

The project description and other supplemental documents must be typewritten, and in typeface no smaller than 11-point font and have no more than six vertical lines per vertical inch. Margins, in all directions, must be at least ½ inch. Applicants are encouraged to use Times New Roman or Arial font.

The detailed **Project Description** must not exceed 3 pages, including references and any figures. The project description must include a summary/overview, project aim, background, methods, significance.

The following documents should be submitted in the "other documents" category on the application website.

- The required **two Letters of Recommendation** must be written on an institution letterhead and signed. The signatures must coincide with the two people stated in the PDF Award Application.
- The **Career Goals** should be no more than one page addressing your interest in this award and the impact this will have on your long-term career goals.
- The **current Curriculum Vitae** must be in chronological order and must clearly state all professional and academic experience. It must include record of medical licenses, board certifications, training programs, and any other relevant training completed along with their dates of completion.
- The **Copy of Form of ID** must be accompanied by their English translations.
- The **current Research Funding/Award(s)** including the following information: Funding agency, amount, dates of funding.
- Please ensure that all documents are saved under the correct titles when being uploaded. All documents will be uploaded into the "**OTHER DOCUMENTS**" section on the application page. Please note that failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disqualification.

6. Do I have to submit my Career Goals?

Yes, the Career Goals is one of the facets on which each applicant will be evaluated. The Career Goals should be no more than 1 page, and the letters of recommendation should corroborate the applicant's career goals.

7. May I apply for an award and then defer it for a year?

No. Applicants may not defer awards. If they are selected as an awardee, they must accept and use the funding for the year in which the award was intended.

8. What are the candidate criteria?

- a. 5-10 years clinical research experience, inclusive of clinical research experience obtained while in training.
- b. Candidate must live in a low- to middle-income country (LMIC); research must yield valuable findings or impacts current concerns in cardiovascular medicine in LMICs.
- c. Candidate must be a member of the ACC (IAC, FACC) or passed the ACC's Certified Cardiovascular Knowledge Examination (CCKE).

Award Application Review & Selection Process

9. Who are the members of the 2023-2024 ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee?

The members of the 2023-2024 ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee are as follows:

Abhinav Diwan, MBBS, FACC, Chair

Washington University

Amit R. Patel, MD, FACC

University of Virginia Health Systems

W. Gregory Hundley, MD, FACC, Chair-Elect

VA Commonwealth University

Ujjwal Rastogi, MD

Cardiovascular Institute of the South

Aarti Asnani, MD

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Nishtha Sodhi, MD, FACC

University of Virginia

Vidhu Anand, MBBS, FACC

Mayo Clinic

Francisco Ujueta, MD

Mount Sinai Medical Center Miami Beach

Giorgio A. Medranda, MD, FACC

NYU Langone Health

Min Xie, MD, PhD, FACC

University of Alabama at Birmingham

10. When will applicants be notified regarding the committee's decision?

The ACCF Research Fellowship Awards Committee meets annually in September to select the award for the funding year. Awardees will be notified in October/November regarding the committee's decision. Non-winners will be notified in November.

11. What is the process for accepting the Award?

The individual selected to receive the research award must have their institution's clinical research coordinator or director complete an acceptance form on their behalf. The form must be submitted to the ACC Research Fellowship Awards Committee's staff liaison at awards@acc.org.

12. If I receive an ACC research award, do I have to attend the ACC's Annual Scientific Sessions?

ACCF Fellowship and Career Development recipients are encouraged to attend the Annual Scientific Session, but it is not required. The William A. Zoghbi International Research Award funding cannot be used for travel purposes.

13. May I hold another major research award in addition to the William A. Zoghbi International Research Award?

Yes. Please submit a list as a supporting document for your current research funding/award including the following information: Funding agency, amount, dates of funding.