2026 William A. Zoghbi Global Research Initiative Application Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Applicants must submit a complete online application by June 8, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

You can begin your submission by clicking on the "APPLY HERE" button at the top of the page.

To submit, you must have an ACC.org account. If you do not have an account, create a free account through this link: Create a Free ACC.org Account. Once you have created your account you may return to the application site, login with your new account information and begin a NEW submission.

THE WILLIAM A. ZOGHBI GLOBAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE IS SUPPORTED BY:

- William A. Zoghbi Global Research Award
- Heart Failure Global Research Award Supported by Bayer
- Wael Al Mahmeed Global Research Award
- Jamal S. Rana Cardiometabolic Health Global Research Award – supported by friends of Jamal S. Rana

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Cardiovascular clinical investigators living outside the United States
- Preference given to those residing in low- to middle-income countries
- Preference given to those who have between 5 – 10 years' of experience in clinical research post training
- Research must be clinical research

INSTRUCTIONS

- If you have questions as you complete this application, please reference the detailed information found on ACC.org. You may also email globalawards@acc.org.
- You may return to and modify your application until the deadline on Monday, June 8, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- Uploaded PDF documents must be typewritten using a sans serif font (e.g., Arial) that is no smaller than 11 pts. Margins, in all directions, must be at least .5 inch.
- All application documents must be submitted in English or with official translation.
- Applications that do not follow provided guidelines and requirements will **not** be reviewed and **will not be** considered for a William A. Zoghbi Global Research Initiative Award.

For illustration only, this document shows what you'll complete in the online form.

Part 1: Personal Data

First name:

Middle initial:

Last name:

Degree(s):

Email:

Phone:

Country of Residence:

I am a current member of the American College of Cardiology (ACC)? [Yes/No]

Part 2: Project Title

- This is your working project title entered to initiate your application. We will use the Project Title entered in the Project Proposal section of the application as your official title.

Research Project Title:

Is your project clinical research? [Yes/No]

Part 3: Education and Experience

- You will be required to upload your Curriculum Vitae in the Attachments section of this application, which must detail information about your education and career experience.

College or University:

- Period of Attendance:
- Degree:
- Date of Completion:

Professional Training (Internship, residency, fellowship):

- Institution:
- Time Period:
- Title:

Current Institution:

- Title:

Part 4: Project Proposal

Project Title:

Brief Project Description [2-3 sentences]:

How will your proposed project support your career goals? [2-3 sentences

maximum]: Project Mentor Name:

Project Mentor Title:

Part 5: ALL Attachments

Curriculum Vitae [Document Upload]

- Your CV must include clearly defined sections outlining your education, licensure and certification(s), professional experience and appointments, honors and awards, and publications. Please see the FAQ section at the end of this document for details on what to include in your CV.
- Document length maximum: None

Research Experience [Document Upload]

- For each current or prior experience list the institution, timeframe, and a brief description of your role(s). The list should be in chronological order.
- Document length maximum: 1 page

Publications [Document Upload]

- Upload a list of publications of which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, title of the article, the journal, volume number and date.
- Document length maximum: 1 page

Career Objectives [Document Upload]

- Describe your career goals and how your proposed project will support them.
- Document length maximum: 1 page

Proposal [Document Upload]

- Your proposal should include a detailed description of the clinically oriented project which would be undertaken during the year of supported work. The proposal should be organized into five sections: 1) brief summary/overview; 2) project aim; 3) background; 4) methods; 5) significance.
- Document length maximum: 5 pages, including graphs, figures, tables, annexes, images, and references

Letter of Recommendation: [Document Upload]

- The letter of recommendation should corroborate the applicant's Career Objectives and include a detailed description of why the candidate should be selected for the award and how the research will impact the community.
- The letter of recommendation should come from a mentor, FACC, Cardiology Department head, etc.
- Document length maximum: 2 pages

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Copy form of ID [Document Upload]

- A copy form of ID (for residency verification) inclusive of but not limited to:
  - Passport
  - Driver's license
  - Other government issued identification

Current Funding [Document Upload]

- Upload if your proposed project has any current funding, inclusive of:
  - Funding Agency
  - Funding Amount
  - Dates of Funding
- Document length maximum: 1 page

Part 6: Review My Work

- This page will show whether your submission is complete or not and gives you the option to delete your submission.
- Review the summary of your submission and obtain a print-friendly version for your records.
- Under "Submission Steps" on the left side of the page the section headings serve as links to those pages/sections of your submission and may be used to navigate between sections of the application.
- The date your submission was last edited may be found next to the words "Current Date/Time". This will change each time there has been an alteration.
- After uploading your documents, click "Save/Continue", which will complete your application. You will still be able to make changes to your application until the deadline on June 8, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- A submission is complete when you see, "This submission is complete and will be sent for review." There is **not** a separate "Submit" button.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many research awards will be funded?

- Seven one-year fellowships in the amount of $25,000 each will be awarded as a grant for a year of research. The year of research will begin in July 1, 2027 and conclude by June 30, 2028. Two of the awards will be given to research on heart failure. Two of the awards will be given to research on cardiometabolic health. We are grateful to our sponsors for the grants

to fund the seven research awards.

When will applicants be notified regarding the decision?

- Awardees and non-winners will be notified in Autumn 2026 regarding the Research Fellowship Award Committee's decision.

Can I make edits to my submission **before** the deadline?

- Yes. You may return to and modify your application until the deadline on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Can I make edits to my submission **following** the deadline?

- No. Edits may not be made to your submission after the deadline. This includes modifying information entered within form fields or providing updated documents, even if you have errors in your submitted information.

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.

What types of details must be included in my Curriculum Vitae?

- Your CV must include clearly defined sections outlining your education, licensure and certification(s), professional experience and appointments, honors and awards, and publications. The information included should, at minimum, cover:
  - Education: Institution, degree, and period of attendance in chronological order
  - Professional Experience and Appointments: Internships, residency, fellowship, etc. with the name of the institution and period of participation in chronological order; listing of faculty appointments with the name of the institution and period of participation in chronological order
  - Licensure and Certification(s): Current license(s) and State; certification(s) with the name of the Board
  - Honors and Awards: Name and description of the award with date in chronological order
  - Publications: List all the publications for which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, article title, journal, volume number and date of publication
- CV must be submitted in English or be accompanied by an official translation.

What other documents are required to complete an application?

- The required **two Letters of Recommendation** must be written on an institution letterhead and signed.
- 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 **Copy of Form of ID** must be accompanied by their English translations.

- The **Research Proposal** should be no more than 5 pages inclusive of appendices, annexes, tables, images, figures, and references.
- The **Research Experience** must list current and prior research experience including the institution, time frame, and a brief description of your role in chronological order and no more than 1 page.
- The **Publications** should be no more than 1-page and include all publications of which you are the author or coauthor, including the names of all authors, title of the article, the journal, volume number, and date.
- The **Career Objectives** should describe your career goals and how your proposed project will support them. No more than 1-page maximum
- The current **Research Funding/Award(s)** including the following information:
  - Funding agency
  - Amount
  - Dates of funding.
- Documents must be submitted in English or be accompanied by official translation.

What is the process for accepting a fellowship or career development award?

- Those selected to receive a research fellowship award program will be required to complete an acceptance form and provide specific documentation to the ACC for payment of salary support directly to their institution.

If I receive a research award, do I have to attend the ACC's Annual Scientific Session?

- No, you are not required to attend ACC's Annual Scientific Session. However, you are encouraged to attend if you are able.

Does the College provide travel support for attending the Annual Scientific Session?

- Yes. ACC will provide support to attend the Annual Scientific Session.

May indirect costs (overhead costs) or supplies associated with your research be applied to your research award grant?

- No. The award grant may **not** cover research supplies or institutional overhead. It is anticipated that the grant will furnish a portion of the faculty member's total salary, and that the awardee will derive the balance of their salary support from other sources (e.g., department funds). Funding may not be used for travel purposes.

What are the candidate criteria?

- 5-10 years clinical research experience, inclusive of clinical research experience obtained while in training.
- Preference given to candidates who live in a low- to middle-income country (LMIC);
- Candidate must be a member of the ACC (IAC, FACC) or passed the ACC's Certified Cardiovascular Knowledge Examination (CCKE).

May I hold another major research award in addition to the William A. Zoghbi Global Research Initiative?

- 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.