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ISID-LEO Foundation Awards 2026 Asia-Pacific Region

USD 100,000 For outstanding young scientists

The self-nomination deadline for Asia-Pacific Region is 30 September 2026.

ISID and LEO Foundation Partner to Expand Global Reach of Early-Career Awards

Inaugural Asia-Pacific Region Application Cycle September 1-30

The International Societies for Investigative Dermatology (ISID) and LEO Foundation have partnered to launch the **ISID-LEO Foundation Awards** — a collaboration designed to amplify the reach and impact of these prestigious recognitions for early-career skin researchers.

The partnership brings administration of the awards under ISID, providing consistent support and broader promotion across the global dermatology research community. This is especially significant for the Asia-Pacific region, which previously had limited administrative infrastructure for the awards program. The goal is to ensure exceptional science from all ISID regions receives the visibility and support it deserves.

The ISID-LEO Foundation Awards recognize outstanding scientists whose work represents an extraordinary contribution to skin research and has the potential to pave the way for new and improved treatments for skin diseases. Three awards of \$100,000 each are given annually — one in each global region: Americas, EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa), and Asia-Pacific.

What This Means for Applicants

- **Greater visibility** within the global investigative dermatology community through SID, ESDR, and Asia-Pacific society channels
 - **Enhanced networking opportunities** and potential collaborations across ISID regions
 - **Consistent application support** and communication throughout the evaluation process
 - **ISID-LEO Foundation Alumni status**, connecting you with a growing international cohort of emerging leaders in skin science
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2026 Asia-Pacific Region—Inaugural Cycle

Applications open: Tuesday September 1, 2026

Applications close: Wednesday September 30, 2026

Winner notified: Early November 2026

Applications are evaluated by an independent **Global Review Panel** of internationally recognized experts representing societies across all three regions, ensuring unbiased assessment to the highest scientific standards.

Eligibility at a Glance

Self-nominees must:

- Be working within the Asia-Pacific region
- Be between 30 and 40 years of age at the time of award (with provisions for career breaks, including parental leave)
- Be active scientists within skin-related research
- Demonstrate at least 5 peer-reviewed first author, co-first author, or last author publications in skin-related research

Application Requirements

- Comprehensive CV
- Letter of recommendation from a senior colleague/collaborator/mentor
- Overview of current and previous independent funding (up to 3 years)
- List of top-10 peer-reviewed publications
- Paragraph on previous research achievements
- Paragraph on future research vision

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About ISID

The International Societies for Investigative Dermatology (ISID) is a global alliance of dermatology research societies dedicated to advancing the science of skin health and disease. ISID members include the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID), the European Society for Dermatological Research (ESDR), and societies from Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Singapore, and Australasia. Together, these organizations support thousands of researchers, clinicians, and trainees working to unlock discoveries that improve human health. Learn more at isiderm.org.

About the LEO Foundation

The LEO Foundation is an independent, commercial foundation that aims to improve the lives of people with skin diseases through research, education, and innovation. Since establishing the LEO Foundation Awards in 2008, the Foundation has recognized approximately 40 exceptional young scientists worldwide. Based in Denmark, the Foundation is committed to continually promoting and advancing skin research, strengthening the pipeline of excellent dermatology researchers globally. Learn more at leo-foundation.org.