



International Union Against
Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
North America Region

Call for Nomination: NAR Early Career Investigator Award

Deadline for Submission: October 1, 2026

The Union-North America Region Early Career Investigator Award (ECIA) was established in 2019 by the North America Region Executive Committee to recognize an early career researcher for work in tuberculosis within the first five years of their academic appointment/independent professional career.

Award Eligibility:

- Early career researcher within 5 years of first appointment as faculty member or TB program member (e.g., public health program)
- Can be nurse, physician, other health professional, or PhD scientist; must have completed all professional and research training (i.e., cannot be a trainee)
- Based or working in NAR countries *
- Published research in the field of TB.
- Union membership with regional affiliation in NAR is encouraged but not required.
- Abstract acceptance by the NAR Annual Conference at least once in the last 5 years (including year of nomination)

The Process:

Nominations for NAR Early Career Investigator Award will be solicited 4-6 months before the NAR Annual Conference. All nominations will be reviewed by the NAR Nominating Committee with recommendations made to the NAR Executive Committee for finalization.

- Any Union Member in good standing is welcome to nominate candidates for this award (individuals cannot self-nominate).

Please note that the following individuals cannot be nominated for this award:

- Employees or paid consultants who have worked for a Union affiliated office in the past year.
- NAR or Union Board Members or members of the Awards review committee
- Previous NAR- Early Career Investigator award winners

A nomination submission must include the following documents:

- Completed nomination form; for form and submission instructions: [Click here](#)
- Letter of nomination that describes the novelty, impact, and significance of the nominee's work, and a statement of the nominee's role in the work.
- Curriculum vitae of the nominee outlining their education, past and current positions, grant support, training, and publications. CV must be dated within 6 months of the call for nominations.

*Canada, United States or English-, French-, or Dutch-speaking countries of the Caribbean and the Americas

The Award and Presentation:

Winners will be recognized in the Final Program and announced at the Awards Ceremony during the:

- **2027 Union-NAR Conference February 24-27 in Vancouver, Canada**
- The award includes a monetary prize of USD \$2,000, which will be deposited into a university or institutional research account (or issued as a cheque payable to the recipient's university or institution), as designated by the awardee. The recipient will also receive a certificate of achievement and airfare/hotel/registration expenses to attend the NAR conference.
- In addition, the award recipient will serve as Co-Chair of the Early Career Investigator Award (ECIA) Session, alongside the previous year's recipient, for a term of two consecutive years.

The Union-NAR reserves the right to present no ECIA award in a given year if they deem there to be no meritorious candidate.

Thank you for your assistance in bringing forward deserving individuals for this recognition.

For any questions, please email Sara Silver at: silver@bclung.ca