



Call for submissions 2009

Research area

HIV and AIDS

Research studies

Studies in clinical/epidemiological as well as basic/translational research published or accepted for publication (peer-reviewed) between May 1, 2007 and April 30, 2009

Value of award

CHF 100,000. The award may be shared in the event of two submissions of equal merit

Competitors

All researchers and research teams working and/or resident in Switzerland

Deadline for submissions

April 30, 2009

Award ceremony

August 27, 2009, Berne
«5th Challenges in HIV Infection – Advancing Patient Care»

Award jury

Expert committee under the chairmanship of Professor Peter Erb, Basel

Further information and application

www.hiv-research-award.ch





Dear colleagues, dear researchers

The **Bristol-Myers Squibb Switzerland HIV Research Award** will be assigned for the first time in 2009. It is dedicated to outstanding research contributions in the field of HIV and AIDS. The award amounting to CHF 100,000 is funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb SA, Baar, and, in future, will be presented every other year.

This award offers an excellent possibility to promote HIV and AIDS research as well as to support and motivate in particular young researchers or research teams. Thereby, this field of science is furthered to become a branch of major significance in Swiss research.

On August 27, 2009, on the occasion of the «**5th Challenges in HIV Infection – Advancing Patient Care**» Meeting in Berne, the award assigned to the most excellent Swiss study will be handed over. At this meeting the laureates will give a short presentation exemplifying their research work.

As chair of the award jury I would like to ask all researchers interested in the award to submit their studies in basic/translational or clinical/epidemiological research via www.hiv-research-award.ch until April 30, 2009. Please note that only those projects published or accepted for publication (peer-reviewed) within two years preceding the submission date will be considered eligible.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Erb".

Prof. Peter Erb, PhD
Chair of Award Jury

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Application

Publications submitted for the **Bristol-Myers Squibb Switzerland HIV Research Award** must not have been awarded previously. With all documents in English, the complete application must be entered electronically at www.hiv-research-award.ch

Awarding

Applications submitted in due time will be evaluated thoroughly by an independent committee of experts. This jury will select the award winner or award-winning team from the papers submitted (scientific publication).

Assessment criteria:

- originality
- novelty
- quality
- impact on future research

Award winners include all authors of the submitted paper. If two projects are considered of undistinguishable excellence, the award may be shared between two research teams.

The award money must be used for research purposes only and the research project in question is to be carried out in Switzerland. Exceptionally, Swiss projects abroad may be accepted. The prize money will be paid out either to a Swiss institution or to a project-related account. Taxes and duties are at the expense of the awardee(s).

If none of the submitted research papers meets the formal and scientific criteria the prize may not be assigned. The Award jury's decision is final. There is no right to legal appeal.