

Attention Fellows and Early Career Faculty!

21ST ANNUAL

RESPIRATORY DISEASE Young Investigators' Forum

Developing the next generation of physician-scientists:
a research mentorship and career advancement opportunity
for pulmonary and allergy fellows and early career faculty.

OCTOBER 9-12, 2025

Hotel Clio | Denver, CO

**CALL FOR
RESEARCH
ABSTRACTS**

Deadline:
June 16, 2025

Two Categories:

- ▶ Basic Science Research
- ▶ Clinical Research



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For two decades, the RDYIF has fostered a community of passionate young investigators and established leaders in the field of respiratory medicine through a program designed for fellows and early career faculty utilizing mentoring and peer networking, coaching, scientific presentation skills, education and encouragement.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The 3-day program will include networking opportunities and formal scientific presentations which are judged and scored by expert faculty. Thirty young investigators will be selected to present and receive feedback and commentary from peer investigators and expert faculty. The agenda also includes sessions led by expert faculty on topics ranging from strategies for successful grant applications to transitioning from trainee to independent investigator.

All attendees will have the opportunity to rehearse their presentations with constructive and supportive feedback from senior research advisors in the field of respiratory medicine.

Monetary awards will be given to the top three presenters in each category (basic science and clinical research) as judged by the expert faculty panel. See our website for more information on the agenda and program format: [NJHealth.org/RDYIF2025](https://njhealth.org/RDYIF2025).

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

US-based fellows and early career faculty conducting clinical or basic science research with pediatric or adult populations in respiratory related topics. Disease area examples include:

- Asthma
- Bronchiectasis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- COVID-19
- Cystic fibrosis
- Genetics of airway diseases
- Interstitial lung disease
- Lung cancer
- Lung disease/injury
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Pulmonary hypertension
- Sleep disorders

Young investigators (MDs, DOs) who are fellows or transitioning to initial faculty positions and junior faculty in their first two years in an academic role are invited to apply.

For more information regarding eligibility criteria and abstract format, please visit: [NJHealth.org/RDYIF2025](https://njhealth.org/RDYIF2025).

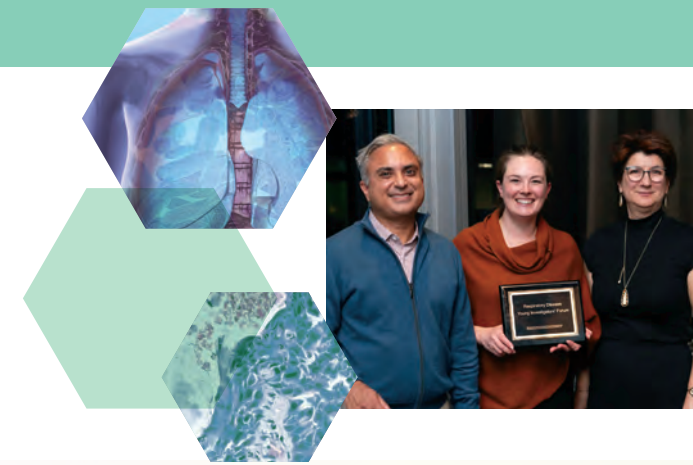
2024 PROGRAM FEEDBACK

100%
of evaluation
respondents
reported:

**They would recommend this
program to colleagues**

**the Forum exceeded
their expectations**

**Networking opportunities
with peers were helpful**



AWARDS

Award winners in each of the 2 categories will be announced at the end of the program:

1st place (\$2000); 2nd place (\$1500); 3rd place (\$1000).

THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUNE 16, 2025

Please see our website for information on the submission process: [NJHealth.org/RDYIF2025](https://njhealth.org/RDYIF2025).

Applicants with the 30 highest abstract scores, as judged by expert faculty, will be invited to present at the Forum in October 2025. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses will be covered.

ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

Expert faculty will review all abstracts and 30 finalists will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. **Scientific importance** – will this research make a difference in diagnosis, treatment or quality of patient care?
2. **Quality of research** – is the hypothesis feasible and will the stated methodology enable this research to be completed in a meaningful way?
3. **Enhances knowledge** – will the research improve our knowledge about the disease or treatment?
4. **Does the research answer a question** that needs to be answered or provide new findings that may change the way we diagnose or treat a condition?
5. **Overall presentation of abstract** – is the abstract informative and thoughtfully written; does it outline the question to be addressed; and is the research proposed able to provide an answer?

Applicants can submit an abstract that has been previously presented but not previously published. Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided via e-mail in July 2025.

I am very much looking forward to the Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum. The science is not only outstanding; this meeting represents the future of academic medicine in our field. I am thrilled to be chairing this exciting and innovative meeting!

— Monica Kraft, MD



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Dear Colleague,

In the fast-moving world of science and medicine, one truth remains constant: discovery never stops. Even in the face of challenges, the need for bold, innovative respiratory health research has never been greater.

The future of respiratory care depends on the relentless curiosity and passion of physician-scientists like you — individuals who understand the importance of advancing science while caring for patients on the front lines. Your work doesn't just contribute to the evidence base — it shapes the future for generations of patients living with respiratory diseases.

That's why we invite you to apply for the 21st Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum — a one-of-a-kind opportunity to present your research, receive valuable feedback from renowned faculty mentors, and connect with fellows and other early-career physician-scientists who share your commitment to improving respiratory health through research.

This is more than a conference — it's a community. A place to gain inspiration, form collaborations, and strengthen the network of clinician-researchers who will carry our field forward, even in uncertain times.

We recognize the challenges of balancing research, clinical care, and career development. But we also know the rewards of pushing science forward — the lives improved, the knowledge gained, and the breakthroughs that only happen when dedicated physician-scientists come together with a shared purpose.

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