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# Neuropsychopharmacology

At the Intersection of Brain, Behavior, and Therapeutics

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NPP Journal Award for Early-Career Investigators

*Neuropsychopharmacology Editors' Early Career Award (NEECA)*

### Purpose

The early-career years, when newly independent PIs are first setting up their programs, are important for future success. New PIs tend to be in the same award eligibility pools as postdoctoral associates, who are often working in well-established labs with existing infrastructure and resources. This award is intended to provide recognition of new PIs operating in their own independent labs, consistent with the ACNP's career development-related mission. Opportunities for enhanced visibility at the annual meeting are included.

### Award

- (1) ACNP Annual Membership dues waived (members) or invitation to attend (non-members)
- (2) Registration fee waived
- (3) Travel covered/reimbursed
- (4) Lodging covered/reimbursed
- (5) Plaque at the award ceremony
- (6) Invitation to present at the Data Blitz event
- (7) Invitation to a reception attended by the ACNP President

Note: Due to the 2026 Annual Meeting having both in-person and virtual options, #2-4 can be deferred to the 2027 ACNP Annual Meeting or a \$1,500 cash prize will be awarded in lieu of #2-4 if in-person attendance to the 2026 Annual Meeting is not permitted by your institution. Redundant forms of ACNP support for participation is not permitted.

### Eligibility

Each year the award will be given for an NPP original report (non-review) published in print in the previous calendar year (i.e., 2024). The award is open to all early-career PIs, with the upper limit being within 5 years of establishing an independent research program (academia, government, industry) as of the end of the previous calendar year (i.e., within the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024). The NPP paper must come from the PI's independent program, rather than that of a mentor. Nominees must express commitment to participate in the annual meeting if the award is bestowed. ACNP membership is not required.

### Nomination Process

The materials requested are intended to be minimally burdensome:

- (1) Nominator name (self-nominations are allowed)
- (2) PI name
- (3) PI position/rank (relative to December 31, 2024)
- (4) PI years in the position/rank (relative to December 31, 2024)
- (5) NPP paper for consideration (published in print in a 2024 volume)
- (6) Commitment to attend the ACNP Annual Meeting if the award is bestowed.

Note: No other materials will be considered; only one nomination per person is permitted.

### Decision Process

The award will be decided by a subcommittee of NPP Senior Editors and Editorial Board members. All decisions are final.

### Key Dates

Nominations are due by Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, at 5:00 PM (Central).

Announcement of the award is expected on or before Monday, September 8, 2025.

### Nominations and Questions

Please log-in to the ACNP [submission website](#) to submit your nomination.

Please send questions via email to Lori Kunath ([lkunath@acnp.org](mailto:lkunath@acnp.org)).