

2026 Young Investigator Award Submission Guidelines

The Society for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience

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About the Young Investigator Award

The Young Investigator Award in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, supported by Kennedy Krieger Institute, recognizes outstanding contributions by scientists early in their careers. Kennedy Krieger is the world's premier institution dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults with care and research focused on pediatric developmental disabilities and disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and musculoskeletal system.

Nominations will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Originality of the work
- Excellence of the work
- Significance of the work
- Rigorousness of the work
- Commitment and promise to the field
- Engagement in science communication and outreach
- Efforts to foster open science
- Advocacy for diversity and inclusion

Eligibility

Scientists eligible for this award should have been working in the area of developmental cognitive neuroscience for 7 years or less since their terminal degree (e.g. PhD, DPhil, MD). Caregiving leave or time spent in clinical training do not count toward the 7 year limit. Self-nominations are also welcome.

Award Submission Deadlines

Award submission open: January 5, 2026

Award submission close: February 27, 2026

How to Submit

You do not have to be a member of Flux to nominate or to be nominated for the 2026 Young Investigator Award. If selected, the nominee will be required to become a member of Flux. All award nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee.

Application Materials

- **Nomination Letter:** The nomination letter must clearly explain how the nominee fulfills all the specified criteria. The letter should be no longer than two pages, using Arial font, size 11, and single spacing.
- **Three papers:** Include three papers that should be emphasized in the evaluation
- **Nominee's CV**