

Attention Fellows and Early Career Faculty!

22ND ANNUAL

RESPIRATORY DISEASE Young Investigators' Forum

Now in its 22nd year, the Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum (RDYIF) is the premier national career-development and research forum for fellows and early-career physician-scientists in respiratory medicine.

OCTOBER 8-11, 2026
Halcyon Hotel | Denver, CO

**CALL FOR
RESEARCH
ABSTRACTS**

Deadline:
June 15, 2026

Two Categories:

- ▶ Basic Science Research
- ▶ Clinical Research



This educational activity is provided and certified for CME credit by National Jewish Health. This activity is supported by an educational grant from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

Research is reviewed and evaluated by a multidisciplinary panel of senior expert faculty, ensuring a high faculty-to-investigator ratio and meaningful, individualized feedback for each participant.

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RDYIF is designed to be a career inflection point for physician-scientists. Participants receive intensive feedback on their research and presentation skills, guidance on grant funding strategies, and direct access to senior faculty mentors who understand the realities of building a sustainable research career.

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 bolstering your research with mentorship and strategic collaborations.

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/RDYIF2026.

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.

Investigators at varying stages of their research are encouraged to apply. Projects may include early-stage, hypothesis-generating, or ongoing work, provided the scientific question and approach are clearly defined.

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 2026.

For more information regarding eligibility criteria and abstract format, please visit: NJHealth.org/RDYIF2026.

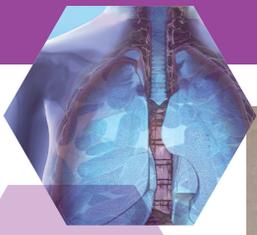
2025 PROGRAM FEEDBACK

100%
of evaluation
respondents
reported:

**They would recommend this
program to colleagues**

**Networking opportunities
with peers were helpful**

**Program was as helpful or
more helpful in comparison
to other professional
development programs
attended recently**



The Forum is intentionally designed as a high-touch experience. A select cohort of 30 investigators works closely with a multidisciplinary group of senior expert faculty under the leadership of the program chairs. This structure ensures a high faculty-to-investigator ratio and provides participants with repeated opportunities for individualized scientific and career-focused feedback throughout the program.

Selected investigators will receive:

- Full coverage of travel, lodging, and meals
- Individualized feedback from nationally recognized faculty
- Professional headshots
- Eligibility for monetary research awards
- A national peer network of early-career physician-scientists

AWARDS

Award winners in each of the 2 categories will be announced at the end of the program: 1st place (\$3000); 2nd place (\$2500); 3rd place (\$2000).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2026

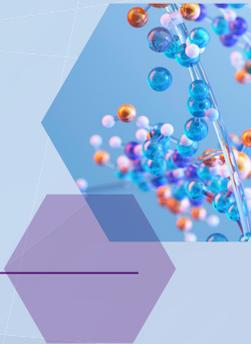
Please see our website for information on the submission process and to submit your abstract: NJHealth.org/RDYIF2026.

Applicants with the 30 highest abstract scores, as judged by expert faculty, will be invited to present at the Forum in October 2026.

ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

Abstracts are reviewed in a blinded process by a panel of nine nationally recognized expert faculty, using NIH-style scoring 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?



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Dear Colleague,

In the ever-evolving world of science and medicine, one thing is certain: discovery never stands still. Even amid today's challenges, the need for bold, innovative research in respiratory health has never been more urgent.

The future of respiratory care rests in the hands of curious, driven physician-scientists like you, those who advance science while caring for patients on the front lines. Your work goes beyond contributing to the evidence base; it helps shape what respiratory care will look like for generations to come.

That is why we encourage you to submit an abstract for the 22nd Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators' Forum, a unique experience to showcase your research, gain meaningful feedback from distinguished faculty mentors, and connect with fellows and early-career physician-scientists who share your commitment to improving respiratory health through discovery.

This is more than a conference. It is a community built on inspiration, collaboration, and shared purpose. A place to forge lasting connections and strengthen the network of clinician-researchers who will lead our field forward, even in uncertain times.

We recognize the challenges of balancing research, clinical care, and career development. We also know the profound rewards of pushing science forward, including lives improved, knowledge expanded, and breakthroughs made possible when dedicated physician-scientists come together to drive progress.

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