



Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Kardiologie
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Otto Hess Trainee Award

The cardiologist Otto Martin Hess (13 July 1946 – 11 April 2011) combined in an exemplary way devoted patient care, inspiring teaching, and outstanding research. After graduation from Medical School in Zurich and postgraduate training in Zurich and San Diego, Otto Hess pursued his academic career first at the University Hospital of Zurich, later at the University Hospital of Bern. In the final years he acted as Head of the Cardiovascular Department of the University Hospital of Bern. He was president of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology* and co-founder of the Working Groups *Cardiovascular Biology* and *Heart Failure*.

Since his first years of postgraduate training in cardiology Otto Hess had been continuously active and highly successful in cardiovascular research. His main areas of research interest included myocardial function, valvular heart disease, coronary circulation, magnetic resonance imaging, and in-stent restenosis. A particular attribute of Otto Martin Hess's research activity was the strong commitment to motivation and support of young trainees in the early stages of their research career.

Aim

The *Otto Hess Trainee award* is designed to recognize and support young trainees in cardiology who are actively engaged in cardiovascular research at an early stage of their careers.

Award

Each year up to 3 trainees will be awarded a grant of 5000 CHF to be used for expenses related to their personal research activity. This may include equipment or disposables for research projects but also expenses for presentations of results at a scientific meeting or congress, for training visits in another research institution, or for participation in postgraduate courses in the field of research interests. The awardee must use the grant within 2 years. A person can receive this award only once.

Funding source

Research Foundation of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*.

Funding of the annual *Otto Hess Trainee Award* has been granted by the Committee of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology* for an initial 4-year period (2014 – 2017).

Criteria for eligibility

- Age \leq 32 years at submission deadline;
- Swiss citizen or foreign trainee in cardiology who has conducted the submitted research work in Switzerland and is working at a Swiss hospital at the deadline of submission;
- Physician with completion of at least 2 years of post-graduate training in cardiology in an SIWF-accredited* institution for specialty training in cardiology or for subspecialty training in pediatric cardiology;
- Research activity in the area of cardiology with results published either as doctoral thesis or as full-length publication in a peer-reviewed journal as first author, or presented, as first author, at a major international cardiology congress (annual meeting of ESC, ACC, AHA or WCC)**. The work must be published/presented or accepted for publication/presentation in the year before deadline of submission. The date of acceptance by the medical faculty applies to doctoral theses.

How to apply

The applicant should submit the following documents as 1 PDF file:

- 1) application form (http://www.swisscardio.ch/public/preise/preis_ottohess.asp?l=de);
- 2) application letter (maximum 2 pages) with short description of accomplished and planned activities in both clinical training and research;
- 3) curriculum vitae (maximum 1 page);
- 4) list of publications and abstracts presented at scientific meetings or congresses (*The number of publications is not a major selection criterion!*);
- 5) letter of support from the director of the institution (where the submitted research has been conducted);
- 6) thesis, publication, or abstract to be considered (if applicable with letter of acceptance).

The application documents can be written in German, French or English.

The documents should be transmitted (mentioning as “subject”: *Otto Hess Trainee Award*) to: info@swisscardio.ch.

The application letter with original signature should, in addition, be sent by post to:
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Kardiologie, Frau Karin Guldenfels, Dufourstrasse 30, 3005 Bern.

Deadline for submission

March 31

Selection procedure

The submitted applications will be evaluated by the *Otto Hess Trainee Award* Committee and the nomination(s) approved by the Committee of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*.

Presentation

The awards will be presented during the annual Meeting of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*.

* *SIWF: Schweizerisches Institut für ärztliche Weiter- und Fortbildung*

** *ESC: European Society of Cardiology; ACC: American College of Cardiology; AHA: American Heart Association; WCC: World Congress of Cardiology.*

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