

Ronald L. Watts Young Researcher Award FAQs

Are co-authorships eligible?

Co-authored submissions are eligible under the following conditions:

- Only one author may apply. The applicant to the Ron Watts Award must be the first author of the submitted paper.
- All co-authors must provide their written agreement (via email) confirming that they consent to the submission.
- All co-authors must meet the age requirement and be no older than 35 at the time of submission.

How is the age limit calculated?

The age limit of 35 years is calculated based on the applicant's age on the date the nomination is submitted. The applicant must not have turned 36 on that date. If co-authors are included, they must also be 35 or younger on the same submission date.

What if the applicant is not affiliated with an IACFS member institution?

Applicants must be endorsed and nominated by an IACFS member centre. Researchers who are not currently affiliated with a member institution may still apply if a member centre agrees to endorse and nominate them. Interested applicants are therefore encouraged to contact a member centre directly to inquire about possible endorsement.

What if the award winner needs a visa?

The IACFS, in collaboration with the host organization and the Ron Watts Award Committee, will provide the awardee with a visa support letter and any required documentation to facilitate the visa application process. Securing the visa remains the responsibility of the awardee.

What if the award winner cannot attend the conference?

The award winner is expected to attend the conference. No monetary prize is paid. In exceptional cases (e.g. visa issues), the winner should contact the organizers as early as possible to discuss alternatives.

For further information and queries, please visit www.iacfs.org and contact Professor Eva Maria Belser (evamaria.belser@unifr.ch) or ronaldwattsaward@eurac.edu.