

# Nomination deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024, 11:59 PM Eastern Time

## Program Information and Scoring Criteria

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Jenesis Trailblazer Awards™ recognize two exceptional US- or Canada-based female researchers or clinicians who have completed innovative research in the fields of pulmonary hypertension (PH), idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), or lung transplantation. Up to two non-monetary awards will be issued annually.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program will provide recognition to two female researchers or clinicians annually – one for the Jenesis Trailblazer Award™ and one for the Jenesis Emerging Trailblazer Award™ which recognizes an early-to-mid career researcher or clinician for innovative contributions to PH, IPF, or lung transplantation. Recipients of these awards will be selected by an independent Scientific Review Committee (SRC), comprised of leaders in the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation. The SRC will review all submitted complete nominations. Announcement of award recipients will be made at an awards dinner hosted by the SRC and senior representatives of United Therapeutics.

Please refer to the Eligibility for Nomination section below to review the criteria nominees must meet to be considered for an award.

### SCIENTIFIC FOCUS

The program aims to acknowledge and celebrate the development of female leaders in the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation and feed the talent pipeline by recognizing women at critical points in their careers.

### SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (SRC)

Nominations will be assessed by an independent SRC comprised of leaders in the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation. Scientific merit, originality, feasibility, and potential impact in the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation will be considered.

#### Chair:

#### **Mardi Gombert-Maitland, MD, MSc**

Walter G. Ross Professor of Clinical Research  
Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiology  
Chief Clinical Research Officer, OCR  
GWU School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
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#### Review Committee:

#### **Pedro Catarino, MD**

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Associate Professor of Medicine with Tenure  
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Division of Allergy, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine  
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The Jack B. Lally Endowed Chair in Thoracic Surgery  
Director, Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program  
Director, Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion Program  
Surgical Director, Respiratory ECMO Program  
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**Lana Melendres-Groves, MD**

Assistant Dean, Faculty Affairs and Professional Development  
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Department of Internal Medicine  
Professor  
PAH Medical Director  
Clinical Trial Unit Medical Director  
University of New Mexico School of Medicine  
Albuquerque, NM

**Imre Noth, MD**

Dudley F. Rochester Professor of Medicine  
Chief, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA

- Hold a PhD degree or equivalent, or a doctoral-level clinical degree, such as MD, DO, or PharmD
- Be a US or Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a valid nonimmigrant visa
- Be responsible for providing exceptional patient care or contributing innovative research to the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation

**Jenesis Emerging Trailblazer Awards™**

At the time of nomination submission, nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a title of no higher rank than Assistant Professor. Fellows and instructors are eligible
- Hold a PhD degree or equivalent, or a doctoral-level clinical degree, such as MD, DO, or PharmD
- Be a US or Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or hold a valid nonimmigrant visa
- Be responsible for providing exceptional patient care or contributing innovative research to the fields of PH, IPF, or lung transplantation

**NOMINEE REVIEW CRITERIA**

Nominees are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Exhibited scientific/technical/clinical expertise
- Novelty/innovation of the research
- Potential impact and application of the research or ability to address unmet medical needs
- Impact the nominee may have had on the careers of other researchers or proteges

**PROGRAM TIMELINE**

- Deadline for Nomination:** Monday, April 15, 2024, 11:59 PM, Eastern Time
- Awardee Notification:** Monday, August 12, 2024 (estimated)
- Jenesis Awards Dinner** CHEST 2024 (October 6-9, 2024) Exact Date TBD

**INQUIRIES/CONTACT INFORMATION**

**For general inquiries, please call or email:**

- Attn: Jenesis Trailblazer Awards Coordinator
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- Email: utjenesisawards@j-jhealth.com

**ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION**

THESE AWARDS ARE INTENDED FOR FEMALE RESEARCHERS OR CLINICIANS WORKING IN THE FIELDS OF PH, IPF, OR LUNG TRANSPLANTATION.

**Jenesis Trailblazer Awards™**

At the time of nomination submission, nominees must meet the following requirements:

- Hold the title of either Associate Professor or Professor

**PREVIOUS JENESIS TRAILBLAZER AWARD™  
RECIPIENTS**

**2023**

**Teresa De Marco, MD, FACC, FHFA**

Professor of Medicine  
R.H. and Jane G. Logan Endowed Chair in Cardiology  
Founder of UCSF Adult PH Comprehensive Care Center  
Medical Director of Heart Transplantation  
University of California, San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA

**2022**

**Erika Berman Rosenzweig, MD**

Director, Adult and Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension  
Comprehensive Care Center and CTEPH Program  
Director, PPHNet  
Vice Chair for Clinical and Translational Research,  
Department of Pediatrics  
Professor of Pediatrics (in Medicine)  
Columbia University Irving Medical Center – New York  
Presbyterian  
New York, NY

**EMERGING JENESIS TRAILBLAZER AWARD™  
RECIPIENTS**

**2023**

**Kara Goss, MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics  
UT Southwestern  
Dallas, TX

**Ke Yuan, MD**

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics  
Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School  
Boston, MA