

Nomination deadline: Monday, March 3, 2025, 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 (LTx). 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 LTx. Recipients of these awards will be selected by an independent Scientific Review Committee (SRC), comprised of leaders in the fields of PH, IPF, or LTx. 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 LTx and feed the talent pipeline by recognizing women at critical points in their careers.

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (SRC)

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

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ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

These awards are intended for female researchers or clinicians working in the fields of PH, IPF, or LTx.

Jenesis Trailblazer Award™

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

- Hold the title of either Associate Professor or Professor
- 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. This visa must be valid for the one-year award period
- Be responsible for providing exceptional patient care or contributing innovative research to the fields of PH, IPF, or LTx

Jenesis Emerging Trailblazer Award™

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 LTx

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

Nomination Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2025, 11:59 PM Eastern Time

Nominee Notification: Monday, April 21, 2025 (estimated)

Jenesis Awards Dinner: ATS 2025, (May 17-21, 2025, San Francisco) Exact Date TBD

INQUIRIES/CONTACT INFORMATION

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**PREVIOUS JENESIS TRAILBLAZER AWARD™
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University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, CA

2023

Teresa De Marco, MD, FACC, FHSA

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

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RECIPIENTS**

2024

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Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
New York, NY

2023

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UT Southwestern
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*At time of award