

Al-Ashwal Award for Outstanding Neuroscientists in MENA

2015 Application Notice

Society for Arab Neuroscientists

A generous gift by Professor Hilal Lashuel,
Executive Director, Qatar Biomedical Research Institute
Professor, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
In honor of his father, Ahmed Nagi Al-Ashwal

Procedural Timeline

Process	Date
Application Announcement	August 1
Application Deadline	September 1
Award Announcement via Email	October 10
Award Announcement at SfN social	October 18

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Overview

The Society for Arab Neuroscientists is pleased to present the 2015 *Al-Ashwal Award for Outstanding Neuroscientists in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region*. This award aims to recognize two scientists who are actively pursuing Neuroscience-related research in the Arab world. These awards are made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Hilal Ahmed Lashuel, in honor of his father Ahmed Nagi Al-Ashwal.

The Society for Arab Neuroscientists (SfAN) was established in November of 2006 to celebrate a growing community of neuroscientists of Arab descent. SfAN aims to foster collaborations between Arab neuroscientists and to promote neuroscience in the Arab World. One of SfAN's missions is to recognize excellence and innovation in the field of neuroscience by Arab scientists. In line with this mission, these awards were established to support and celebrate Arab Neuroscientists engaged in high caliber neuroscience research in the Arab world.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of expert scientists based on the following criteria:

- Novelty and quality of current research.
- Impact of research on the field of neuroscience and the Arab world.
- Recent peer-reviewed publications.
- Prospective impact of future research.

The award recipients will be announced on SfAN's website and list serve in October 2015. In addition, the recipients will be announced during the 10th Annual Arab Neuroscientists Social at the Society for Neuroscience meeting in Chicago, Illinois (Sunday October 18, 6:30-8:30pm). Award recipients who are attending the meeting may be asked to present a summary of their research at the event.

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Award Details

1. PURPOSE OF AWARD

The Society for Arab Neuroscientists (SfAN) received a generous gift from Dr. Hilal Lashuel to allocate funds for two awards that recognizes young scientists who are actively pursuing neuroscience research in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

2. WHO MAY APPLY

Any Arab student, postdoctoral fellow or young faculty member whose research focuses on basic or clinical neuroscience and is based in the MENA region.

3. DEADLINES

Award applications are due September 1st, 2015, 24:00 GMT. All applicants will be informed of award results after decisions have been made. See timetable for details.

4. NUMBER AND SIZE OF AWARDS

Two \$1000 awards will be granted.

5. GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

The award recipient must accept and sign an award acceptance form upon receipt of the award monies.

6. CRITERIA AND PRIORITIES FOR REVIEWING APPLICATIONS

The application form must be completed in full. Applications will be reviewed by an expert scientific panel and scored based on specific guidelines. The novelty and potential impact of research will be taken into consideration, as will any efforts to promote neuroscience research and education in the MENA region.

7. HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates must complete and submit this application, which can also be found online at: <http://www.arabneuroscientists.org/>. To submit, an electronic or scanned copy of the application must be sent by e-mail to award@arabneuroscientists.org. Applications must be received no later than September 1st, 2015, 24:00 GMT. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered (no exceptions). Applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail regarding the receipt of the application. If you have not received a confirmation email within 3 days of applying, please e-mail: award@arabneuroscientists.org. For questions about the award, please email: info@arabneuroscientists.org.

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Application form

Part I: Application Front Page

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Part II: Research Statement

Up to three pages, single spaced, font size 12. Must include a description of the following:

- (i) Purpose and background of research.
- (ii) Research methods.
- (iii) Results (up to three schematics/data figures are allowed).
- (iv) Implications of main findings and future directions.

Part III: Personal Statement

Up to one page, single spaced, font size 12. Must include a description of the following:

- (i) Applicant's views on the state of neuroscience research in the MENA region today.
 - (ii) Applicant's views on what is most needed for future scientific advances in the MENA region, and how Arab scientists in the diaspora can help accomplish this.
- Please, include the applicant's contributions to the above (if applicable).

Part IV: Curriculum Vitae

Must include a combination of the following: professional and educational histories, list of peer-reviewed publications and/or conference abstracts, research and academic activities, specialized training, and at least two references.

Applicants are encouraged to include at least one recommendation letter.

*** All parts of the application should be submitted via email as a single PDF file.**

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Name (First Name, Middle Initial/Name, Last Name)

Country of citizenship

Position or Title

Department

Academic or Research Institution

City

Country

Number of years in current position

Email Address

I assume responsibility for compliance with the policies and procedures of my academic/research institution. I accept all award regulations explained in this application document. (Note: funds will not be released without compliance). I am aware that I may have to fill and sign additional forms and/or tax forms upon receiving the award.

Applicant's Signature

Date