



2026 Early Career Lecture Award

The American Headache Society's Early Career Lecture Award is given to the best paper on headache, head or face pain, or the nature of pain itself written by an 'early career' author.

The recipient of this award (submitting author) will receive \$7,500 plus complimentary meeting registration, 4 nights hotel accommodations, and travel expenses for the [68th Annual Scientific Meeting](#), being held June 4-7, 2026, in Orlando, FL. The recipient is required to present the paper as a special lecture during the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting; if the recipient cannot attend, the lecture will not be given.

Eligibility:

1. The recipient must be within 10 years of completing their graduate medical education (end of residency or fellowship, whichever ended last) or terminal research degree (whichever date is later*).
2. Manuscripts that have already been published in another journal or have already been reviewed and declined by the journal *Headache*® are ineligible for this award.
3. Industry-sponsored studies are ineligible for this award unless the work was investigator-initiated.
4. The submitted abstract must represent work conducted by the submitting individual, who must have made a substantial contribution and accept responsibility for the content.

To be considered for this award, applicants must:

1. Submit an abstract meeting the above eligibility criteria for consideration at the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting. [Submit here](#) by **Monday, February 9, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**.
2. Submit a full manuscript and CV to AHS Headquarters by **Monday, March 2, 2026**. The manuscript should be prepared in accordance with [Author Guidelines](#) as published in the journal *Headache*.

Please note papers submitted for the Early Career Award should be sent only to AHS Headquarters, and not submitted to *Headache* via Manuscript Central until **after** the recipient has been announced. All entries will be reviewed by the Editorial Board who will reach out to authors they would like to encourage to submit formally via Manuscript Central. The winning manuscript must be submitted by **May 1, 2026**. Upon submission, it will become the property of *Headache*® and will be fast-tracked for publication in an upcoming issue.

**Some individuals may have lapses in their training due to a variety of reasons such as medical issues, disability, family care responsibilities, military service, and other reasons. On a case-by-case basis, the American Headache Society Awards Committee will consider extending the definition for 'early career' beyond 10 years since training has been completed.*

For additional information, please [contact](#) AHS Headquarters.