

Dear OCSMRM members, colleagues, and friends,

To encourage trainees to participate in the OCSMRM community and its activities, and to recognize their research accomplishments and contributions to the field of magnetic resonance in medicine, we have established three OCSMRM Young Investigator Awards (YIAs) (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) that will be presented at the Annual OCSMRM meeting during the ISMRM conference in May of this year (2025) in Hawaii.

The OCSMRM YIA competition is open to basic and clinical scientists, as well as researchers at undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, resident, and fellow levels who are working in MR research in academia or industry. Non-student applicants must be within five (5) years of completion of their last degree, which needs to be confirmed by the applicant's supervisor, mentor, or department head in the Letter of Support.

To be considered for the competition, the applicant should submit the following documents via email to Dr. Lirong Yan (lirong.yan@northwestern.edu) by March 28th (Friday). Please use the email title: "OCSMRM YIA Application – [Your Name]."

- 1) PDF file of a recent publication in the field of MR in medicine, on which the applicant must be the first or primary author. The work should have been published or have been accepted for publication (if not yet available on PubMed, please attach the acceptance letter) after **January 1st, 2024**. Publications that have been used for previous years' competitions will not be considered.
- 2) The applicant's CV.
- 3) One Letter of Support from the senior or corresponding author of the publication, mentor, supervisor, or department head.

Applicants will be evaluated by the YIA Selection Committee (Professors: Lirong Yan, Ruiliang Bai, Li Fan, Li Feng, Zhen Li, Fang Liu, Peiying Liu, Ze Wang, Duan Xu, Zihao Zhang, Xihai Zhao) for the scientific quality and originality of the publications, as well as the applicants' academic achievements and commitment to MR research. The results will be announced during the Annual Meeting of OCSMRM 2025, and all winners will receive a certificate and cash prize. Considering the rapid growth of MRI research in China, particularly in clinical research, the YIA will include **clinical research awards**. We hope our clinical colleagues will actively participate in this competition.

Thanks for your consideration and support.

Xin Zhou, Ph.D., President of OCSMRM 2024-2025