



## VIRIDIS MONTIS EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR CHALLENGE IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

### CRITERIA

**Mission:** To create a unique early career investigator competition highlighting cardiovascular research, health/wellness, and service in the state of Vermont.

**Early Career Investigator Challenge in Cardiovascular Disease:**

- Merit based scientific abstract competition to highlight the best cardiovascular research work conducted by early career scientists at the University of Vermont and UVM Health Network.
- Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate individual and professional commitments to cardiovascular health/wellness and service.

**Timeline:**  
**Abstract due date:** December 14, 2020  
**Finalists announced:** January 8, 2021  
**Finalist presentation due date:** January 31, 2021  
**Competition:** February 3, 2021

**Competitor Eligibility:**

- Applicants must be early career investigators. Eligible candidates include: PhD and Master's graduate students; postdoctoral fellows; residents and clinical fellows; medical students; faculty and staff within 5 years of first appointment.
- Applicants and primary mentor(s) must be affiliated with UVM and/or the UVM Health network.
- The applicant must be the first author.
- Previously presented and/or published scientific work is eligible for submission if the final publication occurred within 1 year of the Investigator Challenge (after January 1, 2020).
- Former *Viridis Montis* participants are eligible and encouraged to apply, but the research must be distinctly different from a prior entry.
- Complete application (Appendix I) with attestations (Appendix II) must be submitted.
- Demonstration of personal and professional commitments to cardiovascular health/wellness and service is encouraged but not required (Appendix III). For Finalists, this component may count for up to 5% of the final competition score.

**General Format: Scientific Abstract - Oral Presentation**

- 5 Finalists selected by abstract reviewers
- Abstract reviewers: Committee of ECAC members, CVRI Board, and UVM Distinguished Investigators
- Oral Presentations: 7 minutes (Applicant) + 4 minutes questions (Judges)
- Judges: Panel of 5 Faculty Research Experts
- 1 Overall Winner
- 1.5 Hour Event: Competition (5-6:10pm), Award Announcement (6:20-6:30pm)

**Awards:**  
**Winner:** \$2,500 award (CVRI funding) and Winner's Mentor: \$1,000 award (CVRI funding)  
**Second Place:** \$1500 (CVRI funding)  
**Third Place:** \$500 (CVRI funding)  
**Recognition plaques:** Winner, 4 Finalists, and Winner's Mentoring Lab/Clinical division

**Application:** The formal application is due by 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2020. Please refer to the full application instructions on CVRI's website: [www.cvri-vt.org](http://www.cvri-vt.org).