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International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society

CALL FOR INVESTIGATOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society

CALL FOR 2026 IBANGS AWARD NOMINATIONS Early Career Achievement Award and Distinguished Investigator Award December 2nd, 2025.

Dear IBANGS Members,

To recognize the important contributions of our colleagues in the field of behavioral and neural genetics, the IBANGS Executive Committee confers two awards at each IBANGS annual meeting: the Early Career Achievement Award and the Distinguished Investigator Award.

Early Career Achievement Award

Eligible nominees are not required to be current IBANGS members but will have to be registered annual meeting participants (Meeting registration fees will be waived and awardees will be reimbursed for up to \$1000 in travel costs and awarded a \$500 honorarium). Self-nominations are allowed. Excluded from eligibility are current members of the Awards and Executive Committees.

Criteria for evaluation are:

1. Seven (7) or fewer years post first faculty or faculty-equivalent appointment
2. Area of research, and importance to behavioral and neural genetics
3. Scientific importance of research discoveries/record of achievement
4. Future scientific plans and projects
5. Projected impact on the field

Annual Distinguished Investigator

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Criteria for evaluation are:

1. Seven (7) or more years post first faculty or faculty-equivalent appointment
2. Area of research, and importance to behavioral and neural genetics
3. Scientific importance of research discoveries/record of achievement
4. Mentorship of students, postdoctoral fellows, and new faculty
5. Continued impact on the field

To make a nomination, please email the items below by December 2nd, 2025 to Helen Kamens (Chair), [hmk123@psu.edu].

1. Your letter of nomination or self-nomination and statement of the nominee's scientific contributions, addressing

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the evaluation criteria for the appropriate award (maximum 2-pages). This letter must confirm that the individual has agreed to be nominated and agreed to attend the Annual Meeting to present a lecture, if selected.

2. Nominee's contact information 3. Nominee's Curriculum Vitae

The list of previous awardees is on the Society's Awards web page. [IBANGS Awards](#).

Awardees will be selected by the Awards Committee, and will give talks at the 27th Genes, Brain and Behavior Meeting, June 8-11th, 2026, at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. US.

Awards Committee

Helen Kamens, Penn State University

Igor Ponamarev, Texas University Tech

Zoe Donaldson, University of Colorado, Boulder

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