The Young Investigator Award, supported by Sunovion, recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions by a young neuroscientist who has demonstrated scholarly independence.

Recipients receive a $15,000 award and complimentary registration, transportation (economy air or ground), and two nights hotel accommodations for the SfN annual meeting. The SfN president presents the prize at a lecture at the meeting.

### Nomination Criteria:
- Nominations must be made or endorsed by an SfN member.
- Nominees do not need to be SfN members.
- Self-nomination is not permitted.
- No person may nominate more than one candidate.
- Current SfN officers and councilors are ineligible for nomination.
- Due to the potential conflicts of interest, members of the selection committee may not be the nominees and they cannot serve as nominators nor write letters of recommendation.

### Nomination materials include the following:
- One nomination letter and a maximum of two optional letters of recommendation.
  - One must be from the nominee’s current or previous mentor.
- Current CV, including date on which the advanced degree was awarded.
- A list of up to five of the nominee’s most important published papers.

### Eligibility
- Nominees must be actively engaged in research at the time the award is given.
- Nominees must show evidence of heading an independent research laboratory.
- Nominees must have received a PhD or MD (or equivalent) within the past 10 years.*
- Post-docs are ineligible.

*Time taken off for child-rearing does not count in these totals. Part time work and other special circumstances are evaluated at the discretion of the committee.

For more information, please review the [Awards and Prizes FAQs](#) and/or the [Young Investigator Award](#) webpage.