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**Dear Colleagues,**

**It is with great pleasure to address you with our call for applications for the UEG Research Prize and Research Fellowship 2021.** Despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic with all its implications on finances, science and social aspects, UEG decided to award these prestigious prizes to highlight the impact of research in digestive health in Europe even in this crisis.

**Every year, UEG awards € 100,000 for excellence in basic science, translational or clinical research in the areas of gastroenterology, hepatology and related disciplines.** The Research Prize addresses active, well-established researchers whose science has had or will have crucial impact on digestive health. Please find all details on criteria and the election process as well as your application form [online](#).  
The UEG Research Prize will be awarded during the UEG Week Virtual 2021 and the winning project will be presented on this occasion. Watch the [presentation by Stefan Schreiber](#) who received the distinguished UEG Research Prize last year, for his outstanding project "Therapeutic mechanisms of controlled-ileocolonic-release nicotinamide (CICR-NAM) in IBD".

**Since 2019, UEG also supports a researcher with € 50,000 to spend 12 months working with a renowned European principal investigator.** The main purpose of this fellowship is to support the development of a basic or clinical research project and give fellows the chance to improve their scientific skills. Chloé Melchior, the [UEG Research Fellow 2020](#), is carrying out a research project in the University of Gothenburg, together with her host Magnus Simrén on "A new gas-sensing capsule to understand the mechanisms of fructan-induced symptoms in IBS, and the link to gut microbiota composition and function".

**The application deadline for the Research Prize and the Research Fellowship is April 30, 2021. Please share this opportunity in your societies, and we look forward to receiving your applications!**

Furthermore, the UEG Research Committee is committed to inspire and inform researchers in gastroenterology. We invite you to [read our briefing](#) on the new opportunities in Horizon Europe, the new European research & innovation framework programme for 2021-2027.

Visit our website at <https://ueg.eu/research> and stay tuned to the exciting research opportunities in 2021 from webinars on research opportunities to the new opening of the Horizon Europe Support Grant.

Kind regards,



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