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REQUEST FOR CANDIDATES – Stop Heart Disease Researcher of the Year Award

Dear Colleague:

In order to promote and support excellence in cardiovascular research in the State of Florida, the Florida Heart Research Foundation (FHRF) announces the sixteenth annual **Stop Heart Disease Researcher of the Year Award**. This prestigious \$25,000 award is given annually to the Florida researcher who is felt to have the broadest impact on the advancement of knowledge in the diagnosis and/or treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Last year, the Florida Heart Research Foundation presented its fifteenth annual award to **Brian Shapiro, MD**, Director of Cardiovascular Imaging at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Shapiro has pioneered the use of non-invasively assessed pulmonary artery pulsatility as a predictor of pulmonary artery hypertension and using other noninvasive modalities to characterize this disease. He recently started to study the effects of the right ventricle, pulmonary vasculature, and ventricular-arterial coupling in patients with pulmonary hypertension at rest and during exercise. His work on pulmonary vascular disease has also led to a joint RO-1 award with the University of Florida (Dr. Mohan Raizada) assessing the effects of a novel protein in the development of pulmonary hypertension. Dr. Shapiro is also highly involved in various educational pursuits at the Mayo Clinic, including Assistant Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs for Mayo Medical School.

The Florida Heart Research Foundation will be assigning the next award in close collaboration with the Florida Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. **The actual award presentation will be made at the annual FCACC meeting in Orlando, August 17-19-2018 at Disney's Boardwalk Resort and Convention Center.** For more information on the meeting or to register online, please visit www.accfl.org.

In order to qualify for the award, the researcher must:

- ♥ Be active in the arena of clinical and/or basic cardiovascular research
- ♥ Have reported the results of her/his work in the peer review arena of scientific meetings and/or publications
- ♥ Be recommended for the award by a colleague(s)
- ♥ Be a resident of and conduct research in the State of Florida
- ♥ Be available and willing to accept the award at the annual meeting of the FCACC (expenses for attending the dinner are not included in the award)

Special consideration will be given to those areas of research that:

- ♥ Are felt to be particularly innovative
- ♥ Are unlikely to receive commercial support

All applicants are given serious consideration, even if previously applied and did not receive the award. Preference will be given to researchers in the early portion of their career in order to encourage advancement in the field.

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Please submit the researcher's name and curriculum vitae no later than May 15th to:
Tracy McLeod
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Please note that this award and the ability of the Florida Heart Research Foundation to promote education and research is possible only through charitable donations. You can help directly through the purchase and promotion of the STOP HEART DISEASE specialty license plate. Please go to www.stopheartdisease.org and purchase your plate today!

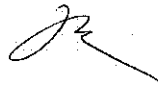
If you can help promote the license plate through your office or by other means, please contact us at: tracym@floridaheart.org for materials. Your help in marketing this license plate will allow us to continue worthy programs such as this award.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions on this request. I can be reached at (305) 674-3020. Thank you for your interest in stopping heart disease through research, education and prevention.

Sincerely,



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