We are opening the call for nominations for the Lelio Orci Award, one of the most prestigious prizes in the life sciences in Switzerland.

**Nominations** - Send nominations to info@ls2.ch, including one page maximum (!) with a justification, brief biosketch, statement of major achievements, and list of 3-5 most important publications. **Deadline for application is 8th of August 2021.**

**About the award and criteria** - The Lelio Orci Award is awarded by the Lelio Orci Fund, hosted by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Geneva. It is administered through Life Sciences Switzerland LS². It is awarded annually to a scientist who has achieved an outstanding performance in **fundamental cellular biology**, and who has led his/her **work independently**. The selection of the laureate is **independent of nationality and age**. He/she must have conducted a significant proportion of the work at a Swiss research institution and thus have contributed to the advancement of Swiss Life Sciences. The originality and impact of the work is determined by:

- **High-quality rigorous publications** (publications in high Impact Factor journals is NOT a criterion)
- **Original and novel contributions** to the field
- **Independence** of work and ideas
- **Importance of work for future development** in the field of research

**List of previous laureates:**
2020 - Jean Gruenberg (University of Geneva)
2019 - Silvia Arber (Basel University and FMI)
2018 - Jean-Claude Martinou (University of Geneva)
2017 - Michael Hall (Basel University)
2016 - Markus Aebi (ETHZ)
2015 - Gisou van der Goot (EPFL)

**Jury** - The Jury selects the laureate and proposes him/her to the Lelio Orci Fund Committee. The Jury is constituted by LS² and includes: the past-president, vice-president and president of LS²; Pierre Cosson, professor at the Geneva Faculty of Medicine, personally appointed member of the Lelio Orci Fund Committee; one additional delegate of the Geneva Faculty of Medicine; at least 3 representatives from other Swiss Academic and Research Institutions.

If you are interested and want to know more, please contact info@ls2.ch or visit our website: https://www.ls2.ch/funding/awards.

*We are looking forward to your application!*