

## Call: Lelio Orci Award 2023

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We are opening the call for nominations for the **Lelio Orci Award 2023**, one of the most prestigious prizes in the life sciences in Switzerland.

**Nominations** – Please send your nominations to [info@ls2.ch](mailto: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 to nominate is 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.**

**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 LS<sup>2</sup>. 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:

2022 - Prof. Susan M. Gasser (ISREC Foundation)  
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2020 - Jean Gruenberg (University of Geneva)  
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2018 - Jean-Claude Martinou (University of Geneva)  
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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 LS<sup>2</sup> and includes: the past-president, vice-president and president of LS<sup>2</sup>; 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](mailto:info@ls2.ch) or visit our website: <https://www.ls2.ch/funding/awards>.

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