



Open Call for Entries for Ruth A. Lawrence Investigator Award for Research in Human Milk Science

PASADENA, Calif., March 2, 2018 – [The International Conference on Human Milk Science and Innovation \(ICHMSI\)](#) announced today that applications are now being accepted for the Ruth A. Lawrence Investigator Award for Research in Human Milk Science. The award was created to encourage original research in the areas of human milk science and breastfeeding medicine, and to support the advancement of emerging researchers in this vital area of science. Entries are due by June 15, 2018.

Established by the ICHMSI in 2016 in honor of Dr. Ruth A. Lawrence, M.D., a pioneer in the field of human lactation and breast milk, the award will be presented at the 6th Annual ICHMSI to be held Sept. 5-7, 2018, in Pasadena, Calif. The winner will receive \$10,000 to support future research, travel expenses and an invitation to present his or her research at the conference.

Last year, Dr. Adam Lewandowski received the first Ruth A. Lawrence Investigator Award for Research in Human Milk Science, and was one of 12 award applicants whose applications were reviewed and scored by an independent panel of expert judges. Lewandowski, a British Heart Foundation Intermediate Research Fellow in the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Oxford, UK, was selected for his research, titled: "Breast Milk Consumption in Preterm Neonates and Cardiac Shape in Adulthood."

Award applicants must be trainees (students, post-graduate trainees/residents/fellows) or physician/academic researchers who are within the first five years of completion of their postgraduate training. Nurses involved in research, who received a master of science in nursing or doctor of nursing science degree within the last five years, may also qualify. Research must be original and related to, but not limited to:

1. biologic activities of human milk or its components,
2. applications of human milk or its derivatives to clinical medicine, and/or
3. the impact of environment (broadly speaking) on breast milk production, lactation or breast milk content.

Research studies must involve human breast milk or model systems to be considered. The research must have been published within the preceding 12 months, or accepted for publication, in a journal indexed in Medline or EMBASE.

Applications should be submitted electronically to <http://humanmilkscience.org/award> and include:

- An abstract of the manuscript that has been published or accepted for publication.
- A maximum 200-word summary of how the award will be used to further the research.
- A one-page CV and a one-page personal statement.
- The submitted manuscript or published version of the article.

About Dr. Ruth A. Lawrence

Dr. Ruth A. Lawrence received her M.D. from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry at a time when few women pursued degrees in medical education. Dr. Lawrence is a founder of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) and founder and first editor-in-chief of the ABM official journal, *Breastfeeding Medicine*. She helped establish the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, and served as the distinguished professor of Neonatology, Obstetrics, and Gynecology at the University of Rochester Medical Center School of Medicine and Dentistry, and medical director of the Breastfeeding and Human Lactation Study Center.

About the International Conference on Human Milk Science and Innovation

The International Conference on Human Milk Science and Innovation is the premier forum covering the latest in scientific and clinical research related to human milk. Renowned scientists and clinicians from around the world attend this annual event to present and discuss the scientific potential of human milk and raise awareness of its clinical applicability. The conference is sponsored by Prolacta Bioscience.

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