

RE: DR. FRANCIS X. WITKOWSKI PUBLICATION AWARD 2026

Dr. Francis Witkowski was an innovative scientist who was on the cutting edge of technology. This technology positioned Dr. Witkowski as a world leader in mapping the electrical alterations that occur in the heart during ventricular fibrillation. His advances in the use of optical imaging to map cardiac electrical activity provides an important new approach to the study of ventricular fibrillation.

To remember and honor this innovative approach to science the Cardiovascular Research Group, the Division of Cardiology and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute created the Dr. Francis X. Witkowski Publication Award.

Award Criteria

This award will be given to a young investigator/trainee and will favor innovative translational science in a cardiovascular-related field. The paper should be published or in press in a peer-reviewed journal within the current academic year (June 2025 - June 2026). The quality and potential impact of the article will be judged by a panel of scientists/clinicians from the University of Alberta's Cardiovascular Research Institute.

Eligibility and Application

Graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, or residents training in the cardiovascular field at the University of Alberta are invited to apply for this award.

To apply, **submit a single pdf document** to cvri@ualberta.ca consisting of:

1. A recent first author research publication, and
2. A cover letter from the applicant explaining why this research is innovative and important.

Application Deadline: April 20, 2026

The successful applicant will be announced at the **Cardiovascular Research Institute's Research Day, May 22, 2026** and receive a **\$1000** prize.