T21RS Activity Calendar 2027

FEB. 2027

Call For T21RS Support For the Organization of Scientific and Dissemination Events

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T21RS will fund 10 applications of a maximum amount of 500€.

VIEW CALL 2026 (FOR REFERENCE)

FEB. 2027

Call For World Down Syndrome Day Award

World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated annually on March 21 to promote and raise public awareness about Down syndrome, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life of individuals with this condition.
To mark this special day, our Society is offering an exciting opportunity for young investigators (PhD students and postdoctoral fellows) to present their recent preclinical and clinical findings in the Down syndrome research field to our international community of researchers and families through a webinar hosted by the Education and Training Committee.

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FEB. 2027

T21RS Conference Travel Fellowship

T21RS offers funding to support T21RS members who are clinicians, researchers, students, and postdocs at any career stage to attend scientific conferences where they will present research on Down syndrome. Eligible funding expenses include registration, travel, and lodging expenses, and payments are processed after receiving receipt of proof of attendance. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for conferences held in years when T21RS does not organize its own conference.

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FEB. 2027

Membership renewal open

Your participation is essential to our growing community, and we hope you continue to take advantage of the many educational and networking opportunities that T21RS membership provides. Your membership fees directly support T21RS activities, including research initiatives, collaborative projects, and events that strengthen our community.
As we step into a new year, we invite you to renew your membership and continue supporting the growth and success of our society.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

JUN. 2027

General Assembly 2026

The T21RS General Assembly is held annually and provides members with an update on the Society's activities and future plans. Members will be invited to review and vote on key matters, including the approval of the 2026 Annual Report. Members in good standing will be able to vote through their membership area on the T21RS website. Further details will be announced in due course.

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SEP. 2027

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SEP. 2027

Membership initiatives 2027: Scientific exchanges, Support for Early Investigators, and Support for Knowledge Exchange visits

A major mission of T21RS is to support the education, training and research of the next generation of researchers interested in Down syndrome. This includes researchers at early stages of their career moving into the field of DS. To advance this mission, it is our pleasure to announce three initiatives to promote scientific and clinical exchange and support early/new investigators.

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OCT. 2027

Nomination and election for the T21RS President

The elected candidate will be in office for a term of two years as President Elect to have the opportunity to get familiar with the T21RS management; as President during the third and fourth year, during which his/her function will be to manage the Society. For the last two years of the term in office he/she will act as Former President. The newly Elected and the Former President will participate in the Executive Board meetings without the right to vote.

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OCT. 2027

Nomination and election for the Chair(s) of the Sponsorship & Membership Committee

The Chair of the Sponsorship and Membership Committee will be in charge (for a term of six years maximum) of the membership and sponsoring activities, providing strategic guidance on the development and implementation of T21RS programs and activities to increase membership, to prioritise membership access through the development of local chapters and to increase value for the membership. The chair will also be the regular contact for our founding and sponsor members and have responsibility to maintain close liaison to build on common goals and ensure mutual benefit to our relationships with key partners.

VIEW CALL 2021 (FOR REFERENCE)

NOV. 2027

Call for: "Annette Karmiloff-Smith and Michael Harpold Dissertation Award 2026-2027"

Competition for outstanding PhD thesis. The topic of the dissertation must be in the field of Down syndrome research. Participation in the 2026-2027 competition is limited to candidates who obtained the PhD during the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027. Applicants must be members of T21RS at least six months before the Thesis defense and when the prize is awarded. Candidates should attend the award ceremony held at the biennial T21RS International Conference.

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NOV. 2027

Call for proposals to host T21RS conference in 2028

T21RS will invite proposals to host our next conference in 2030. The call will be open to locations outside of Europe as we alternate between the last continent and elsewhere. Our conferences are usually in June to avoid conflicts with other meetings and happens every 2nd year. The winning bid will be announced at our 2028 meeting in Belfast, UK.

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NOV. 2027

Charles J. Epstein Award for Early-Stage Investigators

The Charles J. Epstein Award honors an exceptional early-stage independent researcher whose work shows outstanding dedication and potential to advance science in the field of Down syndrome. Dr. Epstein pioneered the gene-dosage hypothesis for Down syndrome and developed the first mouse models of trisomy 21, establishing the mechanistic foundation for understanding how extra copies of chromosome 21 genes disrupt development and cognition. This biennial award highlights the strong partnership between NDSS and T21RS in supporting the next generation of Down syndrome researchers.

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ALL YEAR 2027

Other Activities and Member Benefits Throughout the Year

Throughout the year, T21RS members can benefit from a range of ongoing activities and opportunities, including monthly newsletters, educational webinars, Society & Science (S&S) Bulletins, and participation in the Society's committees. These initiatives provide members with opportunities to stay informed, engage with the community, and contribute to the Society's activities and development.

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