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**LASKER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP
WITH *THE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION* (JCI) TO PUBLISH WINNING
SUBMISSIONS OF *LASKER ESSAY CONTEST***

JCI to publish winning essays on big-picture themes in bioscience penned by students and early-career bioscience communicators

Three-Year Partnership Begins in July

(New York, June 7, 2023) The Lasker Foundation today announced a strategic three-year partnership with *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* (JCI) to amplify the voices of the next generation of science communicators and provide a platform for early-career communicators in bioscientific research. The new partnership commences immediately, with JCI set to publish the winning entries to the Lasker Essay Contest in the July 2023 edition. Essays will appear in both the JCI's print edition and on the Lasker Foundation website.

For 10 years, the Lasker Essay Contest has invited young scientists – medical, biomedical, and other health profession trainees – from around the world to discuss big questions in biomedical research and policy. The 2023 applicants addressed the following theme: ***Describe an unanticipated ethical issue you have encountered, or you have seen colleagues encounter, during your training and the strategies used to address it.*** The Foundation is presently reviewing the essay submissions and will announce the winners in July in collaboration with JCI. In addition to the opportunity to be published in JCI, the selected winners will also receive a \$5,000 stipend to offset educational expenses.

Elizabeth McNally, MD, PhD, editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* stated, “We strongly support science communication, and welcome this unique opportunity to help give a broader voice to a new generation of professionals as they address big questions regarding biomedical research in today’s society. We look forward to this new partnership and the continued work ahead with the Lasker Foundation.”

“We are thrilled to announce The Lasker Foundation’s new partnership with *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*, which will provide winning essayists with an additional platform to represent their thinking and opinions to the broad biomedical research community,” said Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA, president of the Lasker Foundation. “We have a deep appreciation for the synergy between JCI’s prominence as a science publisher and the Lasker mission of education and advocacy. JCI is a perfect place for these young professionals to share their love for science and communication.”

About the Lasker Foundation -- The Lasker Foundation seeks to increase support for biomedical research by celebrating the power of biomedical science to save and improve human lives. Through its internationally renowned Lasker Awards, educational initiatives, and public advocacy, the Foundation recognizes the most important achievements in science and public service, supports and encourages the scientific leaders of tomorrow, and raises awareness of the ever-present need for research funding. Established in 1942 by Albert and Mary Lasker, the Foundation is committed to inspiring robust and

sustained support for biomedical research, fueled by Mary Lasker's call to action: "If you think research is expensive, try disease!" More information at laskerfoundation.org.

About the Lasker Essay Contest -- The Lasker Essay Contest engages early career scientists and clinicians from the US and around the globe in discussions about big questions in biology and medicine and the role of biomedical research in our society today. The Contest aims to build skills in communicating important medical and scientific issues to broad audiences. The topic is announced in early February, and winners are announced in early July. Winners receive up to \$5,000, to be used towards the winner's educational expenses.

About JCI -- The Journal of Clinical Investigation (JCI) is a premier journal that publishes peer-reviewed research in basic and clinical biomedical science that advances our understanding of disease and the practice of medicine. The JCI is led by Editor in Chief Elizabeth McNally, MD, PhD, and a distinguished academic editorial board of active investigators who evaluate submissions from around the world for exceptional scientific rigor and importance to the field. Published since 1924, the JCI is among the longest established research journals, and all articles are freely available to the research community and the public. The JCI is published by the American Society for Clinical Investigation, a nonprofit society for physician-scientists founded in 1908. More information at <https://www.jci.org>.

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