



SOLOVY AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT IN COPD

Call for Nominations - 2026

We invite you to submit nominations recognizing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) research to improve the quality of life for those living with COPD.

Purpose: This notice announces a nationwide call for award nominations for *The Solovy Award for Advancement in COPD*. In memory of her husband, Mr. Jerold Solovy, Kathleen Hart Solovy wishes to help reduce the burden of COPD upon those affected by the disease by supporting local COPD research efforts to the benefit of society. In recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Solovy's commitment to reducing the burden of COPD upon the community and to recognize and inspire innovation and continued progress among local health professionals, Respiratory Health Association has established *The Solovy Award for Advancement in COPD*.

Award Description: This annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to COPD research which improves the quality of life for those living with COPD. One award will be given. The recipient will receive between \$20,000 and \$25,000, depending on funding availability, to be used for COPD research as the awardee deems fit.

Eligibility Criteria: *The Solovy Award for Advancement in COPD* will be awarded to an individual with a Doctor of Medicine at any stage of his/her career who has made significant research contributions impacting the field of COPD. The award is made to an individual researcher; this award may recognize lifetime contributions to basic, clinical/translational (including patient-oriented research) and social/behavioral studies.

- The award may recognize either a body of research work accomplished over the career of the awardee or for specific research accomplishments during the year preceding the awardee's nomination.
- This award is not limited to scientific accomplishment or direct patient care.

Submit a Nomination:

1. Complete the *Solovy Award for Advancement in COPD* Nomination Form - 2026 accessible at RHA website: <https://resphealth.org/solovy-award-for-advancement-in-copd/>
2. Submit nominee's current curriculum vitae
3. Submit one letter of recommendation on behalf of nominee outlining his or her qualifications (no more than one page length). Only one recommendation letter per candidate will be accepted.
4. Nomination form, CV, and letter of recommendation should be emailed to Rachael Morkunas at rmorkunas@resphealth.org

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 by 5:00PM (CST)

Award Notification: On or around Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Award Date: *The Solovy Award for Advancement in COPD* will be announced on or about June 18, 2026 to Respiratory Health Association's stakeholders and community.

For questions, contact: Rachael Morkunas at rmorkunas@resphealth.org
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