AACR Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research

2021 Program Guidelines and Nomination Instructions
AWARD SUMMARY

• The AACR Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research was established to honor an individual who has made significant fundamental contributions to cancer research, either through a single scientific discovery or a body of work. These contributions, whether in research, leadership, or mentorship, must have had a lasting impact on the cancer field and must have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to progress against cancer.

• The Award recipient will receive an honorarium and be invited to present an award lecture at the AACR Annual Meeting 2021 in Washington, DC, USA.

• Award recipients must be present to receive the Award unless otherwise unable to do so due to health restrictions and/or other serious conflicts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

• Cancer researchers currently or previously affiliated with any institution involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science anywhere in the world may be nominated. Such institutions include those in academia, industry, or government.

• The Award will be presented to an individual investigator.

• Institutions and/or organizations are not eligible to receive the Award.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

• August 31, 2020

NOMINATION PROCESS

• Nominations may be submitted by any individual, whether an AACR member or nonmember, who is currently or has previously been affiliated with any institution involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science. Self-nominations are prohibited.

• Nominators must maintain strict confidentiality of their nominations and all nominations must be submitted electronically to https://myaacr.aacr.org. Paper nominations will not be accepted.

• Eligible nominations must include the following:
  o A nomination letter written in English (Max: 1,000 words), which comprehensively describes the candidate’s single scientific discovery or body of work and contains a concise description of how these contributions, whether in research, leadership, or mentorship, have had a lasting impact on the cancer field and demonstrate a lifetime commitment to progress against cancer. Letter must specifically outline the candidate’s current research activity, if applicable, and indicate how their research holds promise for continued substantive contributions to the cancer field. All publications that directly support the mentioned research accomplishments must be referenced within the provided letter.

  o A brief scientific citation (Max: 50 words) highlighting the major scientific contribution(s) justifying the award candidate’s nomination.
AWARD SELECTION

- Eligible nominees will be considered by an Award Selection Committee composed of an international cohort of cancer research experts appointed by the AACR President. After Award Committee deliberations, primary and alternate award recipient recommendations will be relayed to the AACR Executive Committee for formal ratification.
- Selection of the Award recipient shall be made on the basis of the candidate's scientific accomplishments without regard to race, gender, nationality, geographic location, or religious or political views.

INQUIRIES

- Please direct all inquiries regarding this year’s award to Ms. Linda Stokes at linda.stokes@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 446-7128.