

AACR Award for Lifetime Achievement in Cancer Research

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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.
- 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 may only be presented to an individual investigator.
- Institutions and/or organizations are not eligible to receive the Award.

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:
 - A nomination letter written in English (Max: 1,000 words), which comprehensively describes the candidate's outstanding recent accomplishments in cancer research. Letter must specifically outline the candidate's current research activity 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.
 - A brief scientific citation (Max: 50 words) highlighting the major scientific contribution(s) justifying the award candidate's nomination.

AWARD SELECTION

**Scientific Achievement Awards
and Lectureships**

- 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 pertaining to this Award or any other AACR scientific achievement award or lecture to Michael J. Powell, PhD, Deputy Director of Scientific Programs, at michael.powell@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 440-9373.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2022 Tony Hunter
2021 Frederick W. Alt
2020 Phillip A. Sharp
2019 Emil J Freireich
2018 Joseph R. Bertino
2017 Mina J. Bissell
2016 Robert A. Weinberg
2015 Mario R. Capecchi
2014 Douglas Hanahan
2013 Harold L. Moses
2012 Beatrice Mintz
2011 Susan Band Horwitz
2010 Janet D. Rowley
2009 Joseph F. Fraumeni Jr.
2008 Harald zur Hausen
2007 Donald Metcalf
2006 Bernard Fisher
2005 Alfred G. Knudson Jr.
2004 Emil Frei III