Awards Program Guidelines

Award Summary

• The AACR and the American Cancer Society established this Award in 1992 to recognize outstanding research accomplishments in the fields of cancer epidemiology, biomarkers, and prevention.

Eligibility Criteria

• Cancer researchers 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:
  o A nomination letter written in English (Max: 1,000 words), which comprehensively describes the candidate's outstanding recent accomplishments in cancer epidemiology, biomarkers, and prevention 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.
  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 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 to Michael J. Powell, PhD, Senior Director of Scientific Programs and Strategic Initiatives, at michael.powell@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 440-9373.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2024 Timothy R. Rebbeck
2023 Patricia A. Ganz
2022 Susan E. Hankinson
2021 Stephen J. Chanock
2020 Christopher I. Amos
2019 Edward L. Giovannucci
2018 Leslie Bernstein
2017 Meir J. Stampfer
2016 Richard Peto
2015 Mitchell H. Gail
2014 Curtis C. Harris
2013 Laurence N. Kolonel
2012 Graham A. Colditz
2011 John T. Schiller
2010 Michael J. Thun
2009 John D. Potter
2008 Robert N. Hoover

2007 Thomas W. Kensler
2006 Nicholas Edward Day
2005 Ross L. Prentice
2004 Malcolm C. Pike
2003 Martin J. Blaser
2002 Margaret R. Spitz
2001 I. Bernard Weinstein
2000 Walter C. Willett
1999 Alice S. Whittemore
1998 Ernst L. Wynder
1997 Henry T. Lynch
1996 Lee W. Wattenberg
1995 Frederick P. Li
1994 Brian E. Henderson
1993 Joseph F. Fraumeni, Jr.
1992 Pelayo Correa