AACR-Joseph H. Burchenal Award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Cancer Research

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR and Bristol-Myers Squibb established this award in 1996 to recognize outstanding achievements in clinical cancer research. The award honors Dr. Joseph H. Burchenal, Honorary Member and Past President of the AACR, and a major figure in clinical cancer research.

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:
  - A nomination letter written in English (Max: 1,000 words), which comprehensively describes the candidate’s outstanding recent accomplishments in clinical 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

- 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, Senior Director of Scientific Programs and Strategic Initiatives, at michael.powell@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 440-9373.

**PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2024 Joseph A. Sparano  
2023 Melissa M. Hudson  
2022 Patricia M. LoRusso  
2021 Brigitte C. Widemann  
2020 Jedd D. Wolchok  
2019 Susan L. Cohn  
2018 Johann S. de Bono  
2017 Judy E. Garber  
2016 John C. Byrd  
2015 Elizabeth Jaffee  
2014 John F. DiPersio  
2013 Hagop M. Kantarjian  
2012 Lawrence E. Einhorn  
2011 Ching-Hon Pui  
2010 Henry T. Lynch  
2009 W. Marston Linehan  
2008 Joseph R. Bertino  
2007 Kenneth C. Anderson  
2006 Merrill J. Egorin  
2005 Jimmie C. Holland  
2004 Clara D. Bloomfield  
2003 David S. Alberts  
2002 Lee M. Nadler  
2001 Rainer F. Storb  
2000 Waun Ki Hong  
1999 John Mendelsohn  
1998 Bernard Fisher  
1997 Ronald Levy  
1996 Samuel A. Wells, Jr.