

AACR Distinguished Lectureship in Breast Cancer Research

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR established this lectureship, which is generously supported by Aflac, Inc., to recognize outstanding science that has inspired, or has the potential to inspire, new perspectives on the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of breast cancer.

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

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. All nominations must be submitted using [AACR's electronic award nomination platform](#). If you do not have a myAACR account, you can create one at no cost. 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 associated with the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of breast cancer. 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

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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 Steffi Oesterreich

2023 Kornelia Polyak

2022 Charles M. Perou

2021 Helen M. Piwnica-Worms

2020 Susan E. Hankinson

2019 Myles A. Brown

2018 Zena Werb

2017 Jeffrey M. Rosen

2016 Max S. Wicha

2015 Anne-Lise Børresen-Dale

2014 Mary-Claire King

2013 Michael R. Stratton

2012 Mina J. Bissell

2011 Joan S. Brugge

2010 Alan Ashworth

2009 Robert A. Weinberg

2008 Joan Massagué