

## **AACR-Waun Ki Hong Award for Outstanding Achievement in Translational and Clinical Cancer Research**

### **AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

#### **AWARD SUMMARY**

- The AACR established this award in recognition of the extraordinary contributions of Waun Ki Hong, MD, FAACR to advancing cancer research, cancer care, and cancer prevention during his longstanding and brilliant career as a physician-scientist.
- This award recognizes a worthy cancer researcher who has conducted highly meritorious translational and clinical cancer research anywhere in the world and who has not yet reached 51 years of age at the time of the award presentation.

#### **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.
- Candidates must have not yet reached 51 years of age at the time of the award presentation.
- 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. 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 meritorious achievements in translational and 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 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](mailto:michael.powell@aacr.org) or by phone at (215) 440-9373.

### **PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**2025** Toni K. Choueiri

**2024** Scott Kopetz

**2023** Jun J. Yang

**2022** Daniel D. De Carvalho

**2021** Nima Sharifi

**2020** Luis A. Diaz

**2019** Andrew T. Chan

**2018** Pasi A. Jänne

**2017** Roger S. Lo