

AACR-Cancer Research Institute Lloyd J. Old Award in Cancer Immunology

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR-Cancer Research Institute Lloyd J. Old Award in Cancer Immunology recognizes an active scientist whose outstanding and innovative research has had a major impact on the cancer field and has the potential to stimulate new directions in cancer immunology. All areas of cancer immunology will be considered for this award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The award is open to a cancer immunologist 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 currently maintain an active research program, have a record of recent publications, and be able to present an award lecture during the AACR Annual Meeting immediately following their selection.
- 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 don't 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 in cancer immunology 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, and these references will not count toward the total word count.
 - A brief scientific citation (Max: 50 words) highlighting the major scientific contribution(s) justifying the award candidate's nomination.

AWARD SELECTION

- Eligible candidates will be considered on the basis of their outstanding and innovative research, which has had a major impact on the cancer field, and which has the potential to stimulate new directions in cancer immunology.
- Eligible nominees will be considered by an award selection committee composed of an international cohort of cancer research experts appointed by the AACR President in consultation with the Cancer Research Institute's leadership. After committee deliberations, primary and alternate award recipient recommendations will be relayed to the AACR Executive Committee and CRI leadership 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 Rachel Mumma, Program Manager, Scientific Programs and Initiatives, at rachel.mumma@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 446-7180.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 Crystal L. Mackall
2024 Gordon J. Freeman
2023 E. John Wherry
2022 Ira Mellman
2021 Ton Schumacher
2020 Steven A. Rosenberg
2019 Cornelis J.M. Melief
2018 Antoni Ribas
2017 Olivera J. Finn
2016 Ronald Levy
2015 Carl H. June
2014 Robert D. Schreiber
2013 James P. Allison