

AACR-G.H.A. Clowes Award for Outstanding Basic Cancer Research

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR and Lilly, A Medicine Company established this award in 1961 to honor Dr. G.H.A. Clowes, who was a founding member of the AACR and a research director at Lilly, A Medicine Company.
- This award is intended to recognize an individual who has made outstanding recent accomplishments in basic 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. 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 basic 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, 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 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 Rachel Mumma, Program Manager, Scientific Programs and Initiatives, at rachel.mumma@aacr.org or by phone at (215) 446-7180.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025 Karen H. Vousden
2024 David Pellman
2023 M. Celeste Simon
2022 Ronald M. Evans
2021 Carol L. Prives
2020 Michael Karin
2019 Elaine Fuchs
2018 Scott W. Lowe
2017 Riccardo Dalla-Favera
2016 Vishva M. Dixit
2015 Owen N. Witte
2014 James P. Allison
2013 Michael R. Stratton
2012 Alan D. D'Andrea
2011 Yosef Shiloh
2010 Titia de Lange
2009 Joan Massagué
2008 John E. Dick
2007 Michael B. Kastan
2006 Carlo M. Croce
2005 David M. Livingston
2004 Frederick W. Alt
2003 Ronald A. DePinho
2002 Frank McCormick
2001 Stephen J. Elledge
2000 Elizabeth H. Blackburn

1999 Mina J. Bissell
1998 Arnold J. Levine
1997 Stanley J. Korsmeyer
1996 Robert A. Weinberg
1995 Bert Vogelstein
1994 Mary-Claire King
1993 Stuart H. Yuspa
1992 June L. Biedler
1991 Michael H. Wigler
1990 Erkki Ruoslahti
1989 Janet D. Rowley
1988 Isaiah J. Fidler
1987 I. Bernard Weinstein
1986 Hidesaburo Hanafusa
1985 Judah Folkman
1984 Emmanuel Farber
1983 Peter N. Magee
1982 George Weber
1981 Allan H. Conney
1980 Lloyd J. Old
1979 Roswell K. Boutwell
1978 Torbjorn Caspersson
1977 Ludwik Gross
1976 Henry S. Kaplan
1975 Elwood V. Jensen
1974 Howard M. Temin

**Scientific Achievement Awards
and Lectureships**

1973 Wallace P. Rowe
1972 Sidney Weinhouse
1971 Howard E. Skipper
1970 Charles Heidelberger
1969 James A. Miller
1968 George H. Hitchings
1967 George Klein

1966 Joseph W. Beard
1965 Lloyd W. Law
1964 Van R. Potter
1963 Peyton Rous
1962 Jacob Furth
1961 Renato Dulbecco