

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. 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 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, 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 or lecture 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 Alice T. Shaw

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.