

AACR-Minorities in Cancer Research Jane Cooke Wright Lectureship

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- Established in 2006, this lectureship is intended to recognize an outstanding scientist who has made meritorious contributions to the field of cancer research and who has, through leadership or by example, furthered the advancement of minority investigators in 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 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 contributions to cancer research and describes how the candidate has, through leadership or by example, furthered the advancement of minority investigators in 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 Christopher R. Flowers
2024 Camille C. R. Ragin
2023 Selwyn M. Vickers
2022 Robert A. Winn
2021 Edith P. Mitchell
2020 Lisa A. Newman
2019 John M. Carethers
2018 John D. Carpten
2017 Carol L. Brown
2016 Wortia McCaskill-Stevens

2015 Lucile L. Adams-Campbell
2014 Levi A. Garraway
2013 Gabriel N. Hortobagyi
2012 Pelayo Correa
2011 Guillermina Lozano
2010 Amelie G. Ramirez
2009 Otis W. Brawley
2008 Arthur Gutierrez-Hartmann
2007 Harold P. Freeman
2006 Olufunmilayo I. Olopade