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**Scientific Achievement Awards
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AACR Margaret Foti Award for Leadership and Extraordinary Achievements in Cancer Research

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR established this award in 2007 in honor of Margaret Foti, PhD, MD (hc) for her exemplary leadership of the AACR as the Chief Executive Officer, and for her sustained, extraordinary dedication to the conquest of cancer through fostering research, scholarly publications, communication, science education and training, and public education.
- This award recognizes true champions of cancer research, who embody the sustained commitment of Dr. Margaret Foti to the prevention and cure of cancer. The award will be given to an individual whose leadership and extraordinary achievements in cancer research have made a major impact in the field. Such achievements may include contributions to the acceleration of progress in cancer research; raising national or international awareness of cancer research; or in other ways demonstrating a sustained commitment to 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 leadership and extraordinary achievements 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



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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 William N. Hait
2024 Chi Van Dang
2023 Elizabeth M. Jaffee
2022 Levi A. Garraway
2021 Douglas R. Lowy
2020 Michelle M. Le Beau
2019 Raymond N. DuBois
2018 Isaiah J. Fidler
2017 Carlo M. Croce
2016 Waun Ki Hong
2015 Donald S. Coffey
2014 Webster K. Cavenee
2013 Robert C. Young
2012 John Mendelsohn
2011 Arthur D. Levinson
2010 Phillip A. Sharp
2009 Anna D. Barker
2008 Ellen V. Sigal
2007 Margaret Foti