

AACR-Princess Takamatsu Memorial Lectureship

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR and the Princess Takamatsu Cancer Research Fund established this lectureship in 2007 in honor of the late Imperial Highness Princess Takamatsu. The lectureship is intended to recognize an individual scientist whose novel and significant work has had or may have a far-reaching impact on the detection, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of cancer, and who embodies the dedication shown by Princess Takamatsu to multinational collaborations.

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 novel and significant work in cancer research and dedication to multinational collaborations. 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 Ronald A. DePinho
2024 Tony Hunter
2023 Robert D. Schreiber
2022 René Bernards
2021 Mina J. Bissell
2020 Tyler Jacks
2019 Charles L. Sawyers
2018 Lisa M. Coussens
2017 Louis M. Staudt
2016 William G. Kaelin, Jr.

2015 Lewis C. Cantley
2014 Rakesh K. Jain
2013 Carlo M. Croce
2012 Mary J.C. Hendrix
2011 Philip C. Hanawalt
2010 Mary-Claire King
2009 Curtis C. Harris
2008 Lawrence A. Loeb
2007 Webster K. Cavenee