

AACR Team Science Award

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR Team Science Award was established by the American Association for Cancer Research and Eli Lilly and Company to acknowledge and catalyze the growing importance of interdisciplinary teams to the understanding of cancer and/or the translation of research discoveries into clinical cancer applications.
- This award recognizes an outstanding interdisciplinary research team for their innovative and meritorious science that has advanced or may advance our fundamental knowledge of cancer, or a team that has applied existing knowledge to advancing the detection, diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of cancer.

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.
- Institutions and/or organizations are not eligible to receive the award.
- Eligible teams may be comprised of independent faculty-level researchers providing complementary interdisciplinary expertise, each of whom have made separate substantive and quantifiable contributions to the research being recognized.
- Team members may be working within the same institution or at several institutions. However, if researchers are employed at the same institution, they must possess separate funding and research space.
- The team research being recognized should reflect work focused on a specific scientific goal that otherwise would not be realized by any single component of the team.
- Teams comprising academic and industry researchers will be accepted.

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:

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- A nomination letter written in English (Max: 1,000 words), which comprehensively describes the candidate team's novel and significant work that has had or may have a far-reaching impact on the etiology, detection, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of cancer. Letter must specifically outline the team's current research activity and indicate how their collective 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 team's nomination.
- A comprehensive listing of all team members that includes professional title(s), affiliation(s), primary research area(s), and a brief description of each member's substantive and quantifiable contribution(s) to the team.

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 MSK-IMPACT Team

2024 Team Womb, Manchester Academic Health Science Centre

2023 African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium Team

2022 The Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital Breast Cancer Research Team

2021 St. Baldrick's Foundation-Stand Up To Cancer Pediatric Cancer Team

2020 The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) Founders and Current Project Team

2019 St. Jude Cancer Survivorship Research Team

2018 Genomic Approaches to Preventing and Treating Asian-Prevalent Cancers Team

2017 The International Liquid Biopsy Initiative Team

2016 Women's Health Initiative Team

2015 AR Inhibitor Team

2014 Duke University, Johns Hopkins, and NCI Malignant Brain Tumor Team

2013 Johns Hopkins Cancer Pancreatic Cancer Sequencing Team

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2012 The Institute of Cancer Research and Royal Marsden Hospital: Cancer Research UK Cancer Therapeutics Unit & Drug Development Unit Team

2011 Seattle HPV Research Team

2010 Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Thoracic Oncology Research Team

2009 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Team

2008 UCSF, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Roswell Park Cancer Institute Team

2007 University of Michigan-Brigham and Women's Hospital Team