

AACR-Women in Cancer Research Charlotte Friend Lectureship

AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AWARD SUMMARY

- The AACR established this lectureship in 1993 in honor of renowned virologist and discoverer of the Friend virus, Dr. Charlotte Friend, for her pioneering research on viruses, cell differentiation, and cancer.
- The lectureship is intended to give recognition to an outstanding female or male scientist who has made meritorious contributions to the field of cancer research and who has, through leadership or by example, furthered the advancement of women in science.

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 women in science. 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 Shelley L. Berger	2008 Nancy E. Davidson
2024 Elizabeth L. Travis	2007 Janet S. Butel
2023 Cory Abate-Shen	2006 Nancy Hopkins
2022 Martine F. Roussel	2005 Joan S. Brugge
2021 Marsha A. Moses	2004 Titia de Lange
2020 Patricia S. Steeg	2003 Janet D. Rowley
2019 Jennifer R. Grandis	2002 Ellen S. Vitetta
2018 Dafna Bar-Sagi	2001 Zena Werb
2017 Anne-Lise Børresen-Dale	2000 Leona D. Samson
2016 Angelika Amon	1999 Lorraine L. Gudas
2015 Sara A. Courtneidge	1998 Frances Visco
2014 Charis Eng	1997 Mary-Claire King
2013 Guillermina Lozano	1996 Cora B. Marrett
2012 Lisa M. Coussens	1995 Gertrude B. Elion
2011 Carol L. Prives	1994 Mary Ellen Jones
2010 Elaine V. Fuchs	1993 Florence Haseltine
2009 Jessica K. Tyler	