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Each year during Learn Serve Lead, the AAMC hosts a formal dinner where it presents its major awards honoring individuals and organizations making significant contributions to the academic medicine community in the arenas of medical education, research, and community service. Awards include:

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The AAMC continually strives to attract a more robust and diverse pool of nominations to be considered for these prestigious awards. Diversity as a core value embodies inclusiveness, mutual respect, and multiple perspectives and serves as a catalyst for change resulting in health equity. In this context, we are mindful of all aspects of human differences such as socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability, and age.

You are encouraged to identify a champion at your school or teaching hospital who can work with your leadership to prepare one or more nominations. There are no fees required to submit nominations, and there is no limit on how many nominations you may submit.

For your reference, “tips for preparing a nomination” are included on the next page. You also can direct colleagues to view the materials online at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards.

If you have questions after reviewing these materials, please contact the appropriate AAMC staff whose contact information is included in the following pages.
Tips for Preparing a Compelling Nomination

• Research who received the award in the past

• Identify an individual who has made significant contributions within the scope of the award

• Understand the nomination process and timeline

• Carefully identify individuals to submit letters of support, if applicable

• Engage multiple individuals who know the nominee to assist in preparing the nomination package

• Ask the nominee or another colleague to review the package to clarify and strengthen the package

• Follow the nomination submission instructions

• Contact the appropriate AAMC staff with any questions

• Prepare a concise and complete nomination package

• Confirm receipt of the materials

Adapted from “Preparing Successful Award Nominations: More Art than Science,” delivered by Elizabeth L. Travis, Ph.D., FASTRO, Associate Vice President, Women Faculty Programs, MD Anderson Cancer Center, AAMC Annual Meeting, November 7, 2011.
Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education

The Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education is granted annually to an individual for extraordinary contributions to the medical education community. The award was first presented by the association in 1958 and is the AAMC’s most prestigious honor. The Flexner Award recognizes the highest standards in medical education and honors individuals whose impact on medical education is national in scope. Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member of a medical school or teaching hospital or by any member of an academic society. The Award Selection Committee may also solicit nominations. Any individual who has made a significant contribution to medical education is eligible for nomination. An individual’s tenure is not a criterion for this award.

The nomination package must include:

- A statement of evidence in justification of the nomination*
- The nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address

*The statement of evidence letter must include the nominator’s contact information and should be addressed to the Flexner Award Selection Committee. Seconding letters of support are not necessary; however, if such letters are solicited, the committee will accept no more than three for any nomination.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2015. Materials will be distributed electronically to the Flexner Award Selection Committee. The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2015, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2015 with the Flexner Medal and a prize of $10,000.

Please email your completed nomination package to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.
Recent Flexner Award Recipients

2014
James O. Woolliscroft, M.D.
University of Michigan Medical School

2013
Deborah E. Powell, M.D.
University of Minnesota

2012
Ruth-Marie (Rhee) E. Fincher, M.D.
Georgia Regents University

2011
David M. Irby, Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

2010
John A. Benson, Jr., M.D.
University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine

Harry R. Kimball, M.D.
University of Washington School of Medicine

2009
Arthur H. Rubenstein, M.B.B.Ch.
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

2008
Donald E. Wilson, M.D.
Howard University
University of Maryland School of Medicine

2007
David C. Leach, M.D.
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

2006
Jordan J. Cohen, M.D.
Association of American Medical Colleges

2005
Georges Bordage, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

For more information visit the AAMC website at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/flexner

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Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards

The Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards were established to recognize outstanding contributions to medical education made by gifted teachers. Up to four awards are made each year. Each awardee receives a certificate and a $10,000 grant, funded by Alpha Omega Alpha. In addition, the awardee’s nominating institution receives a grant of $2,500 for support of teaching activities, and, if the nominating school has an AΩA chapter, the chapter receives a grant of $1,000 for support of its activities. The AΩA Distinguished Teacher Awards are named in honor of Robert Joy Glaser, M.D., one of the most distinguished of academic physicians, deans, and foundation presidents in the 20th century. Dr. Glaser served as executive secretary of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society from 1962 to 1977, and edited, with his wife, Helen, The Pharos, a publication of Alpha Omega Alpha. In addition, he served as chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in 1968-1969.

Each medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one faculty member. The nomination must be submitted by the dean.

Institutions that have not had a recipient of this award in the past 3 years are eligible to apply.

An AΩA Teaching Award nomination form is mailed to the Office of the Dean at each medical school in February; an online application form can be accessed at: www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/glaser. The completed nomination form, signed by the dean, must be received by May 1, 2015. Award recipients are selected by members of a committee appointed jointly by AΩA and the AAMC. The awards will be presented during Learn Serve Lead 2015.
Recent AΩA Award Recipients

2014
Charles L. Bardes, M.D.
Weill Cornell Medical College

Bernard Karnath, M.D.
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Randall King, M.D., Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School

Emma A. Meagher, M.D.
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

2013
Cynthia Lance-Jones, Ph.D.
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Stuart Slavin, M.D., M.Ed.
Saint Louis University School of Medicine

Mikel Henry Snow, Ph.D.
Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California

Roy Ziegelstein, M.D.
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2012
Bruce F. Giffin, Ph.D., M.S.
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Richard B. Gunderman, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H.
Indiana University School of Medicine

Brian D. Hodges, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine

Amy L. Wilson-Delfosse, Ph.D.
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

2011
Gerald D. Abrams, M.D.
The University of Michigan Medical School

Dennis H. Novack, M.D.
Drexel University College of Medicine

Mark T. O’Connell, M.D.
The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

LuAnn Wilkerson, Ed.D.
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2010
Gary L. Dunnington, M.D.
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Duane E. Haines, Ph.D.
University of Mississippi Medical Center

John W. Pelley, Ph.D.
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

James R. Stallworth, M.D.
University of South Carolina

2009
Ronald Arky, M.D.
Harvard Medical School

David A. Asch, M.D., M.B.A.
Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and The Wharton School

Eugene C. Corbett, Jr., M.D.
University of Virginia School of Medicine

Erika A. Goldstein, M.D., M.P.H.
University of Washington School of Medicine
For more information, visit the AAMC website at:
www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/glaser

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Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences Award

The Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences Award honors outstanding medical research related to health and disease. The research recognized may be in the fields of basic discovery, clinical research, health outcomes research, and patient- and population-based outcomes research. It should have a positive impact on medicine and on the health of patients and populations. The AAMC has awarded this prestigious research prize since 1947.

Nominations are welcome from anyone on the faculty or staff of a medical school or teaching hospital or by a member of an academic society. The nominee must be an individual who serves on the faculty of an AAMC member medical school or teaching hospital.

The nomination package must include:

- A statement of evidence in justification of the nomination*
- The candidate’s curriculum vitae and bibliography
- Two letters of support
- Copies of no more than five (5) key publications by the nominee

*The statement of evidence letter must include the nominator’s contact information and should be addressed to the Research Award Selection Committee.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2015. Materials will be distributed electronically to the Research Award Selection Committee. The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2015, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2015 with the Research Award and a prize of $5,000.

Please email your completed nomination package to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.
Recent Research Award Recipients

2014
James P. Allison, Ph.D.
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

2013
Huda Akil, Ph.D.
University of Michigan

2012
Jeffrey I. Gordon, M.D.
Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

2011
William S. Sly, M.D.
Saint Louis University School of Medicine

2010
David Ginsburg, M.D.
University of Michigan

2009
Robert C. Gallo, M.D.
University of Maryland School of Medicine

2008
Max D. Cooper, M.D.
Emory University School of Medicine

2007
Seymour J. Klebanoff, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Washington School of Medicine

2006
Francois M. Abboud, M.D.
University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine

2005
Stuart H. Orkin, M.D.
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

For more information visit the AAMC website at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/research

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David E. Rogers Award

The Association of American Medical Colleges and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation jointly sponsor the David E. Rogers Award. The Award honors Dr. David Rogers, a former president of the Foundation and an exemplar of academic medicine’s commitment to meeting the health care needs of our country. Throughout his life, Dr. Rogers was a dynamic influence in stimulating programs in medical education and medical care delivery, especially in areas of significant social interest.

The Rogers Award is granted annually to a member of a medical school faculty who has made major contributions to improving the health and health care of the American people.

Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member of a medical school or teaching hospital or by any member of an academic society. The Award is limited to an individual who has spent the majority of his or her career in academic medicine in the United States.

The nomination package must include:

- A statement of evidence in justification of the nomination, not to exceed five pages*
- The nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address

*The statement of evidence letter must include the nominator’s contact information and should be addressed to the Rogers Award Selection Committee. Seconding letters of support are not necessary; however, if such letters are solicited, the committee will accept no more than three for any nomination.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2015. Materials will be distributed electronically to the Rogers Award Selection Committee. The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2015, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2015 with the Rogers Award and a prize of $10,000.

Please email your completed nomination package to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.
Recent Rogers Award Recipients

2014
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2013
Gilbert S. Omenn, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Michigan

2012
Ralph Snyderman, M.D.
Duke University School of Medicine

2011
Paul A. Offit, M.D.
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

2010
Patricia A. Gabow, M.D.
Denver Health

2009
Jerome P. Kassirer, M.D.
Tufts University School of Medicine

2008
Steven Schroeder, M.D.
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

2007
Robert H. Brook, M.D., Sc.D.
RAND Corporation
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health

2006
Eugene Braunwald, M.D.
Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women’s Hospital

2005
C. Everett Koop, M.D., Sc.D.
C. Everett Koop Institute at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth

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**Herbert W. Nickens Award**

Dr. Herbert W. Nickens was the founding vice president of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Diversity Policy and Programs unit (formerly Division of Community and Minority Programs). His passionate leadership contributed greatly to focusing national attention on the need to support underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in medicine. He believed that a multidisciplinary approach is needed to address inequities in health. As a result, nominees may come from a wide range of fields, including medicine, dentistry, education, law, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and social and behavioral sciences.

The award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care equity in the United States. The recipient receives a $10,000 award and presents the Nickens Lecture at Learn Serve Lead 2015.

Nomination Process:

The deadline to email your nomination package is **May 1, 2015**.

The nomination packet must include:

1. A nomination letter that explains the nominee’s qualifications for the award and:
   - highlights their specific work in promoting social justice in medical education and health equities; and
   - includes brief testimonials that support their contributions to promoting social justice in medical education and health equities.

2. A current curriculum vitae (CV) for the nominee.

Note: The letter must be doubled-spaced with 1” margins and Times New Roman font size 12, and not exceed five (5) pages. The committee will not review additional materials.

Please email your completed nomination package (in a single file) to Angela Moses at NickensAwards@aamc.org by **May 1, 2015**. Late nominations will not be considered.
Previous Nickens Award Recipients

2014
Lisa Cooper, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2013
Aaron Shirley, M.D.
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

2012
David E. Hayes-Bautista, Ph.D.
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2011
Elijah Saunders, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P.
University of Maryland School of Medicine

2010
Alvin F. Poussaint, M.D.
Harvard Medical School

2009
Jeanne C. Sinkford, D.D.S., Ph.D.
American Dental Education Association

2008
Vivian W. Pinn, M.D.
National Institutes of Health

2007
M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S.
University of Colorado at Denver

2006
Spero M. Manson, Ph.D.
University of Colorado at Denver

2005
Joan Y. Reede, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.
Harvard Medical School

2004
Michael V. Drake, M.D.
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

2003
Anna Cherrie Epps, Ph.D.
Meharry Medical College School of Medicine

2002
David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.
Morehouse School of Medicine

2001
Lee C. Bollinger, J.D.
University of Michigan

2000
Donald E. Wilson, M.D.
University of Maryland School of Medicine

For more information visit the AAMC website at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/nickens-leadership

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Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award, conducted by the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), annually honors a medical school faculty physician (M.D. or D.O. degree) who exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students. The nominee must also possess the desirable personal qualities necessary to the practice of patient-centered medicine by teaching ethics, empathy, and service by example.

Selection Criteria:

The criteria employed in the selection of the award recipient will include the assessment of his/her professional and personal skills, personal attributes, and professional and academic activities that provide evidence of the following qualities and characteristics:

- Positive mentoring skills
- Involvement in community service
- Compassion/sensitivity
- Collaboration with students and patients
- Modeling ethics of the profession (should be exhibited throughout the nomination)

Written nominations must provide evidence and documentation of the nominee’s embodiment of these qualities and characteristics. Nominations should also include academic, mentoring, advising, and counseling activities as well as specific examples of community service that demonstrate the nominee’s effectiveness in role modeling the importance of these qualities to students, patients, and faculty.
The Nomination and Selection Process:

AAMC member medical schools may nominate one physician (M.D. or D.O. degree) faculty member, in a process conducted and supervised by the school’s OSR. Each school’s OSR representative should appoint an institutional selection committee, ideally comprised of medical students representing the four years of medical study. Students should submit nominations to their institution’s selection committee, which then selects their institution’s nominee for the national award. The dean of student affairs must sign the nomination form. Institutions may re-submit the name of a previous year’s nominee.

Visit www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism to access the nomination form.

The Award:

The recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award will be honored at a formal awards dinner held during Learn Serve Lead 2015 and will be invited to speak to the Organization of Student Representatives about the importance of humanism in medicine. The award recipient will receive a grant of $5,000, and $1,000 will be donated to the nominating institution’s OSR interest group in support of OSR-related activities.
Recent Humanism in Medicine Award Recipients

2014
Cynthia Haq, M.D.
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

2013
Lee Todd Miller, M.D.
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

2012
Chin-To Fong, M.D.
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

2011
Henri R. Ford, M.D., M.H.A.
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California

2010
George R. Buchanan, M.D.
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

2009
Jonathan Woodson, M.D.
Boston University School of Medicine

2008
Yolanda Hill Wimberly, M.D.
Morehouse School of Medicine

2007
Yasmin S. Meah, M.D.
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

2006
Robert J. Paeglow, M.D.
Albany Medical College

2005
Melissa A. Warfield, M.D.
Eastern Virginia Medical School

For more information and a nomination form, please visit www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism

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Award nominations must be received at the AAMC by Monday, March 30, 2015. The award recipient will be announced during Learn Serve Lead 2015.
Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service

The Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service is presented annually to a U.S. member medical school or teaching hospital with a long-standing, major institutional commitment to partnering with the community it serves to identify and address community needs. This commitment should be demonstrated through the development and implementation of exceptional educational, clinical, and research programs that go well beyond the traditional service role of academic medicine and reach communities whose needs are not being met by the health system. The award highlights community service and engagement as important elements of the academic mission, and singles out institutions that can serve as examples of social responsiveness on the part of the academic medical community.

The award recipient must have a broad-based, continuing commitment to community service and engagement as reflected in a variety of programs and initiatives which are responsive to community and social needs, developed via meaningful partnerships with the communities served, and evaluated in order to assess their impacts on populations and individuals. The award is not intended to honor any one specialized service program or individual, but rather to recognize instances where a broad-based collaboration has developed between the nominee and the community served.

The award selection committee is especially interested in programs that are directly linked to the institution’s research endeavor and to the education of medical students and residents. The committee will judge each nominee on the basis of whether it is meeting its own potential to make a positive impact on the community it serves.

Examples of the types of programs appropriate for consideration include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Programs that address upstream, social determinants of health
- Programs that aim to minimize or eliminate health and health care inequities among the population served
- Innovative programs of patient care/service to disadvantaged communities
- Programs of education targeted at increasing the participation of traditionally underrepresented groups in the health professions
- Leadership directing medical center and community resources to respond to health needs such as prevention and health education, patient care, and social and supportive services
• Programs aimed at providing students with educational experiences in underserved areas to encourage eventual practice in such communities

• Programs to build community capacity to engage in research to improve health outcomes

• Programs developed to meet the needs of isolated communities

• Programs that use the unique assets and resources of the medical center to address continuing educational, economic, and/or systemic community problems

Institutions or organizations are eligible to apply who have not received the award in the past 10 years. Institutions or organizations selected as finalists can reapply in two years.

The nomination package should contain the following:

• A cover letter signed by the medical school dean, hospital CEO, or academic society president making the nomination.

• A narrative description (not to exceed six pages) of the nominee’s community programs, including: history of the institution’s commitment and programs; descriptions of the programs and their impact on the institution and the community; the participation of faculty and students; and a description of how the activities are funded.

• One or two letters, preferably from community leaders, but definitely from outside the institution, describing the programs and their impact on the community and/or

• A modest selection of news clips from the public press.

Please note that the total nomination package should not exceed 15 pages.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2015. Materials will be distributed electronically to the Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service Review Committee. The entire nomination package should be emailed to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.
Recent Outstanding Community Service Award Recipients

2014
New York-Presbyterian Hospital

2013
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

2012
University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine

2011
Massachusetts General Hospital

2010
Tulane University School of Medicine

2009
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

2008
University of New Mexico School of Medicine

2007
St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center

2006
West Virginia University School of Medicine

2005
Medical College of Wisconsin and University of California, Davis, Health System

For more information visit the AAMC website at www.aamc.org/initiatives.awards/community-service

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Three finalists will be selected for site visits during the summer. The award, a commemorative crystal piece honoring the institution’s extraordinary social commitment, will be presented at Learn Serve Lead 2015.
For more information visit the AAMC website at: www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards

Deadline for all awards is May 1, 2015, except where otherwise noted.