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Through its prestigious awards program, the AAMC honors individuals and organizations making significant contributions to improve the health of all. These awards recognize the talent and contributions made by the academic medicine community and allies in other professions to advance innovation in medical education, cutting-edge patient care, groundbreaking research, and outstanding community service. Awardees are honored at a formal dinner held during Learn Serve Lead: the AAMC’s Annual Meeting. 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.

Faculty and staff at medical schools and teaching hospitals are encouraged to identify candidates for the following awards and prepare one or more nominations. There are no fees to submit nominations, and there is no limit on how many nominations may be submitted.

For reference, “tips for preparing a nomination” are included on the next page. These materials and associated nomination forms are available online at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards.
Tips for Preparing a Compelling Nomination

• Share this call with a broad array of leaders from across your institution to identify individuals who have 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 it.
• Follow the nomination submission instructions.
• Seek out resources in your institution to support your nomination. Some institutions have individuals dedicated to nominating faculty and staff for such awards.
• 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, PhD, 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 recognizes the highest standards in medical education and honors an individual annually whose impact on medical education is national in scope. First presented by the association in 1958, the Flexner Award is the AAMC’s most prestigious honor.

The awardee receives the Flexner Medal and a prize of $10,000.

Selection Criteria
Any individual who has made a significant national contribution to medical education is eligible for nomination. An individual's tenure is not a criterion for this award. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- National impact on undergraduate medical education
- National impact on graduate medical education
- National impact on research education
- National impact on interprofessional health education
- National impact on advancing the science of health professions education
- Personal expertise as a teacher and mentor

Guidelines for Entry
Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member of an AAMC-member medical school, teaching hospital, or academic society.

Nominations must be received by January 27, 2017 via the electronic entry form, available at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/flexner.

The Flexner Award Review Committee will review nominations and invite selected nominators to submit additional support materials, including:

- Nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address
- One two-page letter of support of the nominee authored by an AAMC-member institution’s dean, chief executive officer, or president on institutional letterhead addressed to the Flexner Award Review Committee
- Three additional two-page letters of support attesting to the nominee’s qualifications for the Flexner Award

Selected nominators will be notified February 27, 2017, if they are invited to submit additional materials. There is no need to compile these resources before notification on February 27. Additional support materials must be submitted by April 7, 2017, via email to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.

The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/flexner.

Please address all questions to:
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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 recognize outstanding contributions to medical education made by gifted teachers. Established in 1988, these awards are named in honor of Robert Joy Glaser, MD, who served as executive secretary of the AΩA Honor Medical Society from 1962 to 1977, and as chair of the AAMC from 1968 to 1969.

Up to four individuals are awarded each year. Each awardee receives a certificate and a $10,000 prize, funded by AΩA. 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.

Selection Criteria
Nominees' educational accomplishments should be principally in medical student education. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Assistant professor or higher in a tenure or nontenure track at a U.S. or Canadian medical school
- Innovative work and products in the support and delivery of the educational program
- Prior recognition as an outstanding teacher, either from their institution, another institution, or state, regional, or national organizations
- Publication in the field of medical education and educational materials that have been adopted by other institutions

Previous nominees may be nominated again. The selection committee will favor nominees selected by an institutional system that provides for broad student participation and the peer judgment of faculty colleagues.

Guidelines for Entry
Each medical school in the United States and Canada may nominate one faculty member each year, if the institution has not had a recipient of this award in the past three years. The nomination must indicate if the faculty member is for the basic science or clinical science category.

Nominations must be received by April 7, 2017. Nominations must include:

- Completed entry form, available at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/glaser
- Nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address and complete bibliography
- Entry form signed by the dean of the medical school

Incomplete nominations, letters of support, or supplemental materials will not be considered. Nominations for posthumous awards will not be considered.

Award recipients are selected by members of a committee appointed jointly by AΩA and the AAMC. The winners will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/glaser.

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Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences

The Award for Distinguished Research in the Biomedical Sciences 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.

The awardee receives the Research Award and a prize of $5,000.

Selection Criteria

The nominee must be an individual who serves on the faculty of an AAMC-member medical school or teaching hospital. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- A career in research marked by a significant contribution to science, including research that has led to discoveries or inventions that have improved health and well-being. Examples include:
  - A foundational discovery followed by shepherding the idea toward improving health
  - For inventors, broad use of their inventions and significant health impact
  - For clinical researchers, evidence of significance, impact on patients, reproducibility, and acknowledged excellence in team work
  - For epidemiologists and community-focused investigators, a record of improving health through engagement with the community and local capacity building

Guidelines for Entry

Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member of an AAMC-member medical school, teaching hospital, or academic society.

Nominations must be received by January 27, 2017, via the electronic entry form, available at www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/research.

The Research Award Review Committee will review nominations and invite selected nominators to submit additional support materials, including:

- Nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address and bibliography
- One two-page letter of support of the nominee authored by an AAMC-member institution’s dean, chief executive officer, or president on institutional letterhead, addressed to the Research Award Review Committee
- Two additional two-page letters of support attesting to the nominee’s qualifications for the Research Award
- Copies of a maximum of five key publications by the nominee

Selected nominators will be notified February 27, 2017, if they are invited to submit additional materials. There is no need to compile these resources before you are notified on February 27. Additional support materials must be submitted by April 7, 2017, via email to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.

The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/research.

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David E. Rogers Award

The David E. Rogers Award is granted annually to a medical school faculty member who has made major contributions to improving the health and health care of the American people. Jointly sponsored by the AAMC and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Award honors David Rogers, MD, a former president of the Foundation and an exemplar of academic medicine’s commitment to meeting the health care needs of the nation. 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 awardee receives the Rogers Award and a prize of $10,000.

Selection Criteria

Individuals who have made significant contributions to meeting the health care needs of the nation and who have spent the majority of their careers in academic medicine in the United States are eligible. An individual’s tenure is not a criterion for this award, but the nominee must have a faculty appointment at a medical school. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

• Major contributions have improved health and health care of the American people
• Contributions have shaped medical education (or academic medicine)
• Contributions have shaped health care delivery
• Contributions have shaped public policy advocacy
• Contributions have helped redirect the medical profession and/or academic medical centers to experiment with a variety of educational and delivery modes to achieve important societal objectives

Guidelines for Entry

Nominations may be made by any faculty or staff member of an AAMC-member medical school, teaching hospital, or academic society.


The Rogers Award Review Committee will review nominations and invite selected nominators to submit additional support materials, including:

• Nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address
• One two-page letter of support of the nominee authored by an AAMC-member institution’s dean, chief executive officer, or president on institutional letterhead addressed to the Rogers Award Review Committee
• Three additional two-page letters of support attesting to the nominee’s qualifications for the Rogers Award

Selected nominators will be notified February 27, 2017, if they are invited to submit additional materials. There is no need to compile these resources before you are notified on February 27. Additional support materials must be submitted by April 7, 2017, via email to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org.

The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/rogers.

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Herbert W. Nickens Award

The Herbert W. Nickens 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. Dr. Herbert W. Nickens was the founding vice president of the AAMC Division of Community and Minority Programs, now Diversity Policy and Programs. Dr. Nickens’ passionate leadership contributed greatly to focusing national attention on the need to support underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in medicine.

The awardee receives the Nickens Award and a $10,000 prize. The awardee also presents the Nickens Lecture at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

Selection Criteria

Dr. Nickens believed that a multidisciplinary approach is needed to address inequities in health. Nominees from a wide range of fields are encouraged, including medicine, dentistry, education, law, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and social and behavioral sciences. Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Exemplary contributions to promoting social justice in medical education and health equities within the United States
- Record of achievement in promoting social justice
- Contributions resulting in a significant national impact

Guidelines for Entry

The nomination package must include:

- Nominee’s curriculum vitae, including current address
- One nomination letter that explains the nominee’s qualifications for the award by:
  - Highlighting specific work in the United States to promote social justice in medical education and health equities
  - Including at least two brief testimonials interwoven into the letter that support the nominee’s contributions to promoting social justice in medical education and health equities

Letter specifications: Doubled-spaced, one-inch margins, Times New Roman in 12-point font size, and not to exceed six pages.

Note: The committee will not review additional materials.

Completed nomination package should be emailed in a single file, with the nomination letter first, to Angela Moses at NickensAwards@aamc.org by April 7, 2017.

Late nominations will not be considered.

The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/nickens-leadership.

Please address questions to:
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Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award, administered by the Organization of Student Representatives (OSR), annually honors a medical school faculty physician who exemplifies the qualities of a caring and compassionate mentor in the teaching and advising of medical students. The awardee receives a crystal award and a $5,000 prize. The awardee also speaks to the OSR about the importance of humanism in medicine at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston. The OSR interest group at the nominating institution receives a $1,000 donation in support of OSR-related activities.

Selection Criteria

Any faculty physician with an MD or DO degree at an AAMC-member medical school or teaching hospital is eligible for nomination. Nominees will be evaluated on their 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 and sensitivity
- Collaboration with students and patients
- Modeling ethics of the profession, including the practice of patient-centered medicine

Guidelines for Entry

AAMC-member medical schools may nominate one physician 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. Institutions may resubmit a previous year’s nominee.

The nomination package must include:

- Completed nomination form, available at www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism
- Written nominations must provide evidence of the nominee’s embodiment of the selection criteria 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 modeling the importance of the selection criteria qualities and characteristics to students, patients, and faculty.
- Nomination form signed by the dean of student affairs

Completed nomination packages must be received by April 7, 2017.

The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/members/osr/humanism.

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Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service

The Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Service is presented annually to a U.S. AAMC-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. 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. 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 awardee receives a commemorative crystal piece honoring the institution’s extraordinary social commitment.

Selection Criteria
Nominees will be judged on the following criteria:

• Strength and breadth of institutional support for community-focused scholarship and service
• Evaluation of programs demonstrates significant benefits to the institution and community
• Programs and services developed in response to health and social needs prioritized by community members
• Evidence of community-based partnerships and community codeveloped interventions
• Programs coordinated across and directly linked to research, education, and clinical missions
• Innovativeness of community-based programs and initiatives
• Breadth of engagement by individuals across the institution
• Evidence that the institution is maximizing its potential in community service and engagement

The award recipient must have a broad-based, continuing commitment to community service and partnership as reflected in a variety of programs and initiatives that are responsive to community-identified health and social needs, developed via bidirectional collaborations with the communities served, and evaluated in order to assess their impacts on populations and individuals. The award does not honor any one specialized service program or individual but rather recognizes instances in which a broad-based collaboration has developed between the nominee and the community served.

Guidelines for Entry
U.S.-based AAMC-member medical schools and teaching hospitals are eligible to apply if their institution has not received the award in the past 10 years. Institutions selected as finalists can reapply in two years.

The nomination package must include:

• A cover letter signed by the medical school dean or hospital CEO making the nomination
• A narrative description (not to exceed six pages) of the nominee’s community programs, including:
  - The history of the institution’s commitment and programs
  - Descriptions of the programs and their impact on the institution and the community
  - A description of the participation of faculty and students
  - A description of how the activities are funded
• Two letters from individuals outside the institution, preferably community leaders, describing the institution’s programs and their impact on the community
• A modest selection of news clips from the public press

The nomination package may not exceed 15 pages.
Completed nomination package should be emailed in a single file to Sandra Gordon at sgordon@aamc.org by April 7, 2017. Late nominations will not be considered.

The Foreman Award Review Committee will review nominations and select three finalists for site visits during the summer. The winner of the award will be notified by July 31, 2017, and honored at Learn Serve Lead 2017 in Boston.

For more information, visit www.aamc.org/initiatives/awards/community-service.

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