



Pezcoller Foundation–AACR International Award for Cancer Research

2018 Program Guidelines and Nomination Instructions

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AWARD SUMMARY

The prestigious Pezcoller Foundation–AACR International Award for Cancer Research was established in 1997 to annually recognize a scientist:

- who has made a major scientific discovery in basic cancer research OR who has made significant contributions to translational cancer research;
- who continues to be active in cancer research and has a record of recent, noteworthy publications; and
- whose ongoing work holds promise for continued substantive contributions to progress in the field of cancer.

The Award is intended to honor an individual scientist. However, more than one scientist may be co-nominated and selected to share the Award when their investigations are closely related in subject matter and have resulted in work that is worthy of the Award.

The Award consists of an unrestricted grant of €75,000 and a commemorative plaque. The recipient will give an award lecture and receive support for the winner and a guest to attend the AACR Annual Meeting 2018 in Chicago, IL, USA (April 14-18, 2018).

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 4 p.m. U.S. ET

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Eligible candidates are cancer researchers affiliated with institutions in academia, industry, or government that are involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science anywhere in the world.
- Institutions or organizations are not eligible for the Award.
- Receipt of other major awards does not preclude a candidate from eligibility for the Award.
- No regard shall be given to race, gender, nationality, geographic location, or religious or political views.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations may be made by any scientist, whether an AACR member or nonmember, who is now or has been affiliated with any institution involved in cancer research, cancer medicine, or cancer-related biomedical science. Candidates may not nominate themselves.

Nominators are asked to maintain the confidentiality of the nomination process and to refrain from informing the candidate about the nomination. There is no restriction on the number of candidates that may be nominated by any institution or individual.

There is no restriction on the number of candidates that may be nominated by any individual scientist. There is no restriction on the number of nominators that may write nomination letters or that may sign a single nomination letter on behalf of a candidate.

Nominations must be emailed to awards@aacr.org. Paper nominations **cannot** be accepted.

Nomination Materials

1) Nomination Letter. The letter must:

- be addressed to the Selection Committee; be written in English; and not exceed 1,000 words;
- specify the AACR Award for which the candidate is being nominated;
- contain a concise description of the candidate's major scientific discovery in basic cancer research or significant contributions to translational cancer research, and the impact of these accomplishments on the field, with publications supporting these accomplishments directly referenced within the letter;
- contain a concise description of the candidate's ongoing work which holds promise for continued substantive contributions to progress in the field of cancer; and
- be signed with a handwritten signature by the nominator.

If more than one candidate is nominated to share the Award, the nomination letter must clearly outline how the work of the individuals is closely related in subject matter and warrants a joint nomination.

2) Candidate's CV. The candidate's *curriculum vitae* in English, including a complete list of the candidate's publications.

3) Summary Statement. A statement of no more than 50 words summarizing the candidate's research accomplishments for which he or she is being nominated.

Selection

Candidates will be considered by a Committee appointed by the President of AACR. After careful deliberations by the Committee, its recommendations will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of AACR for final consideration and decision. Selection of the Award winner will be made on the basis of the candidate's scientific accomplishments without regard to race, gender, nationality, geographic location, or religious or political views.

Responsibilities of the Award Winner

The recipient will also present the Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research Lecture, both at the University of Padua and at the University of Trento in Italy, just prior to the official Award ceremony in Trento, in early May 2018. Remarks to be made during

the ceremony must be delivered to the Pezcoller Foundation at least four weeks prior to allow sufficient time for translation into Italian. Should the recipient be unable to participate in either event, the award must be forfeited and may be presented instead to the alternate.

In the rare event that there are dual winners of the Award, the cash award will be shared equally between them, and the AACR Executive Committee will determine which of the two co-recipients will present the Pezcoller-AACR Award Lecture at the AACR Annual Meeting.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

AACR requires that all nominations are emailed to awards@aacr.org.

Nominations must be emailed by 4 p.m. United States Eastern Time on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

Paper nominations cannot be accepted.

The materials to be submitted **must** include:

- Nomination Letter
- Curriculum Vitae with **full** publications history
- Summary Statement

CHANGES TO THE NOMINATION

Withdrawal of nomination: Please advise the AACR promptly, in writing, should you decide to withdraw your nomination for any reason. Your letter (or e-mail) should include the nominator's name and institution, the title of the Award and name of the candidate, and the reason for withdrawal.

INQUIRIES

Questions regarding eligibility of a candidate may be directed to the AACR Scientific Achievement Awards office at awards@aacr.org or by calling (215) 446-7128, prior to submitting an application.

Inquiries about the "Program Guidelines and Nomination Instructions" may be directed to Ms. Linda Stokes.

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