



ACG AWARD NOMINATIONS

2015 AWARDS

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Honor Your Colleague WITH AN ACG Award Nomination

The ACG Awards Committee is seeking nominations from all members for the following distinguished awards.

MASTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF GASTROENTEROLOGY

Masters of the American College of Gastroenterology shall have been Fellows who, because of their recognized stature and achievement in clinical gastroenterology and because of their contribution to the College in service, leadership, and education, have been recommended by the Awards Committee to the Board of Trustees for designation as Masters.

To be eligible for appointment as Master of the American College of Gastroenterology, the nominee shall have been a Fellow for at least ten years, be at least 50, may not have served in an elected office of the College for at least two years, and may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. Recipients of the Samuel Weiss or Clinical Achievement Awards, past or present, shall not be excluded from consideration. Masters would be eligible for these named awards in the future, and retain their rights and obligations to full fellowship.

Nominees who are not selected will be retained as active candidates for a period of three years. Renomination after that time would be accepted. Letters of recommendation should include information on the nominee's achievements in clinical gastroenterology and his/her contributions to the ACG (i.e., service, leadership, education).

BERK/FISE CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The intent of the Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award (formerly known as the Clinical Achievement Award) is to recognize an individual who has provided distinguished contributions to clinical gastroenterology, which could include: (a) clinical medicine, (b) technology application, (c) health care delivery, and (d) related factors such as humanism and ethical concern. It is not intended that this award be given in honor of one's laboratory research accomplishments.

To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the American College of Gastroenterology and may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. It is intended that the award recipient will have made contributions over a significant period of work in clinical gastroenterology, and the award is not intended to recognize achievements within the current year. The decision to grant any award within a given year, as well as the selection of the award winner, is at the discretion of, and upon the recommendation of, the College's Awards Committee, and upon approval of the Board of Trustees of the American College of Gastroenterology.

When writing letters of recommendation for a nominee, please include information on the specific criteria for the Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award which may include:

- A career of distinguished practice of gastroenterology, plus
- Recognition as an outstanding clinician by one's colleagues and patients
- Contributions to clinical science, including scientific publications on clinical topics of merit
- Contributions to clinical education at the undergraduate, postgraduate and/or continuing medical education levels
- Technological application and innovation
- Participation in public education, ethical concerns, and community service

SAMUEL S. WEISS AWARD

The Samuel S. Weiss Award is granted in recognition of outstanding service to the American College of Gastroenterology over the course of an individual's career. The award was traditionally presented every other year, but on occasion has been presented more frequently at the discretion of the Awards Committee and the ACG Board of Trustees. There have been 29 award recipients since the initial award was granted in 1972.

Individuals must be a Fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology in order to be eligible for consideration. Nominees may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. Letters of recommendation should include information on the nominee's contributions to the ACG (i.e., service, leadership, education).

ACG MINORITY DIGESTIVE HEALTH CARE AWARD

The ACG Minority Digestive Health Care Award is an achievement award that will recognize an ACG Member or Fellow whose work in the areas of clinical investigation or clinical practice has improved the digestive health of minorities or other underserved populations of the United States. These efforts can be shown by community outreach activities through clinical or educational programs, or research in an area of digestive disease that negatively impacts minority populations such as colorectal cancer, hepatitis B and C, cirrhosis and other GI cancers. The award will be given when appropriate and may not be given annually.

An individual may be nominated by any member of the ACG. To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the American College of Gastroenterology and may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. Letters of recommendation should include information on the nominee's contributions to minority digestive health care. The award will be given when appropriate at the ACG Annual Meeting and may not necessarily be given annually.

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The International Leadership Award is given to a Fellow or Master of the ACG in recognition of outstanding and substantial contributions to gastroenterology, to the College and to the international gastroenterology community. Substantial contributions internationally may include, but are not limited to the following:

- The training of individuals from other countries who have gone on to become leaders in gastroenterology in their community
- Leadership in international organizations that has resulted in improvement in the care of patients
- Participation in humanitarian efforts

To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the American College of Gastroenterology and may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee with input from the International Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors. Nominations should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation that address the candidate's contributions to the College and specifically to the international GI community, and a CV. The recipient must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees. The award will be given when appropriate at the ACG Annual Meeting and may not necessarily be given annually.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award is bestowed upon an ACG Member who has initiated or has been involved in numerous volunteer programs/activities or has provided significant volunteer service post-training. The service must have been performed on a completely voluntary basis and not for the completion of training or position requirements. Such service may include but is not limited to the following:

- Community educational programs (e.g. colon cancer awareness)
- Working in free clinics
- Mentoring advocacy groups or local government committees
- Teaching in under-served schools related to health education
- Political work on committees for comprehensive health insurance or other issues

To be eligible for the award, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the American College of Gastroenterology and may not be a member of the Awards Committee at the time of selection. Nominations are solicited and reviewed by the Awards Committee with input from the Board of Governors. Nominations should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation that address the candidate's community service work, and a CV. Supporting letters for the candidate may include letters from people who benefited from his or her work. The recipient must be approved by the ACG Board of Trustees. The award will be given when appropriate at the ACG Annual Meeting and may not necessarily be given annually.

**Deadline for all nominations:
April 24, 2015**

Nominations for all awards must:

- Be accompanied by two letters of recommendation
- Include the nominee's CV
- Conform to the specific requirements listed
- Be unsolicited by the nominee

Nominations should be sent to:

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