

AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award

Deadline for 2009 Nominations: Friday, November 14, 2008

DESCRIPTION

A dedicated mentor significantly influences a trainee's professional development and career. This award recognizes the importance of this mentor-trainee relationship. AAI honors the award recipient's contributions to the profession through outstanding mentoring. This award is presented at an Awards Presentation Program at the AAI Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

A nominee must be a Regular AAI member in good standing who has demonstrated a career-long commitment to mentoring.

NOMINATION

Candidates must be nominated by a Regular AAI member in good standing who was mentored by the nominee and is well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications. Members may not nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and AAI Awards Committee may neither nominate or recommend candidates, nor be nominated themselves.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. A nomination letter of not more than three (3) pages, signed and submitted by a Regular AAI member in good standing, indicating the nominee's qualifications for the award. The letter should provide a succinct career history and major scientific contributions, as well as a list of former and current trainees mentored by nominee, including their names, positions with mentor (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, student), dates of training, and current position. Include the nominee's complete contact information (name, title and affiliation, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address).
2. The nominee's biosketch, including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees); important awards; relevant employment history; and selected bibliography (complete citations with titles).
3. Letters of recommendation from two (2) former trainees of the nominee. Each letter must include a brief description of career history relevant to mentoring received, as well as current positions and affiliations. Please use no more than two (2) pages to describe the mentoring provided by the nominee.

Qualities that may be considered include: the nominee's commitment to mentoring throughout his or her career; scientific guidance; willingness to advise on activities critical to career success (e.g., grant writing, manuscript preparation, oral presentations, teaching skills, career choices, etc.); continued interest in the professional advancement of former trainees; and success as a role model.

Complete nomination packages must be received by 5:00 PM E.S.T. on Friday, November 14, 2008. Packages must be submitted in hard copy by U.S. mail or expedited mail (neither e-mails nor faxes will be accepted). Incomplete nomination packages will not be considered; AAI will not accept materials sent separately.

Please direct nominations to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D., Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists
9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Previous nominations for this award may be renewed. Original nominator should direct an email to aaioffice@aai.org, identifying the previous nominee, name of award, and year in which original nomination package was submitted to AAI.

To view a complete listing of AAI Awards and past recipients, visit: <http://www.aai.org/awards>.