

AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award

Deadline for 2010 Nominations: December 1, 2009



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. The award includes a plaque, meeting registration, and travel support to the AAI Annual Meeting. 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. To remain eligible and receive the award, nominees must also be members in good standing through 2010. Eligibility of the nominee will be checked at the time of award submission and before presentation of the award.

** (member dues paid through the end of current year)*

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 nor recommend candidates, nor be nominated themselves.

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Please include the following in the nomination package:

*Please send **all** documents as **PDF files** to awards@aai.org. Please be aware that attachments must be no larger than 20MB. Packages that are not complete will not be considered.*

1. **One (1)** 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 the nominee, including their names, positions with the mentor (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, student), dates of training, and current position. Include the nominee's complete and current contact information (Full Name [first, middle initial, last], title and affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address).
2. The nominee's curriculum vitae, 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 submitted as separate document. 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 12 Midnight E.S.T. on December 1, 2009. Packages must be submitted by email as PDF documents to awards@aai.org. A confirmation email will be sent within 72 hours of receipt. Incomplete nomination packages or nominations that do not comply with the stated instructions will not be considered and nominators will have to resubmit their packages. AAI will **not** accept materials sent separately or through regular mail. *Previous nominations for this award may be renewed. Original nominator should direct an email to awards@aai.org, identifying the previous nominee, name of award, and year in which original nomination package was submitted to AAI.*

Please address nominations to:
M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D., Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists

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