

AAPS Dale E. Wurster Research Award in Pharmaceutics

Award Requirements

AAPS strongly recommends contacting the AAPS Awards Team at awards@aaps.org well in advance of any deadline for clarification about this award's requirements. AAPS will not grant waivers for applications that are incomplete or incorrect because of a misunderstanding on the part of the applicant.

The following requirements apply to this award:

1. **Completed nomination packages as described must be received by AAPS by published deadline.** Nomination packages must be submitted online to AAPS using the designated awards website. Incomplete packages or packages submitted after published deadline will be rejected without review by AAPS.
2. **Selection Committee will only consider qualified nominees with complete nomination packages.** AAPS staff vet all nomination packages against the stated requirements for the award prior to release to the selection committees. Candidates who do not meet the qualifications for nomination or who have not completed a nomination package are rejected.
3. **Volunteers sitting on a Selection Committee must declare any conflict of interest to the AAPS Awards Committee Chair and will be recused.** A conflict of interest exists if the volunteer leader has a relationship with the candidate or an otherwise conflicting situation, such as sharing an employer or having endorsed the candidate in the past.

Recusal is not optional. Recusal means the volunteer holding the conflict cannot:

- a. Comment on the candidate during deliberations
- b. Vote or otherwise help in the selection of the recipient

AAPS may replace the recused committee member with a new volunteer to ensure a robust and unbiased process.

4. **Volunteers serving on the Selection Committee may not participate in the development of any nomination packages.** This includes writing endorsement letters, reviewing drafts of packages, or any other activities that would contribute to a nomination package.
5. **AAPS Board of Directors members may not participate in the development of any nomination packages.** This includes writing endorsement letters, reviewing drafts of packages, etc. The AAPS Board of Directors approves all recipients and is involved in the appeals process for decisions, and so cannot participate in the nomination process in any way.

Board members who were involved in a nomination prior to taking a seat on the Board must declare their conflict to the AAPS President and be recused from participation in any business related to that award.

6. **Awardee will be selected by dedicated a Selection Committee** as specified in this guidance. Selection Committee members will be identified and seated before any review of submitted nomination packages. Review and voting by members will be conducted independently using a ranking system based on award criteria. The rubric for ranking will be reviewed and agreed to by the selection committee prior to the review of any nomination packages. Aggregate ranking results will be reviewed by the selection committee to select awardees, if any. Final recommendation by the Selection Committee must be supported by the majority of the committee.
7. **AAPS Board of Directors members may not serve on the Selection Committee or otherwise participate in the initial screening and selection of the recipient.**
8. **With the help of AAPS staff, the AAPS Awards Committee Chair, or the chair's designate, will document the decision about each candidate.** The documentation will be used in notifications to both successful and unsuccessful candidates.
9. **With the help of AAPS staff, the AAPS Awards Committee chair will forward the recommended recipient to the AAPS Board of Directors, along with an informational report summarizing the recipient selection rationale, and comparing the recipients' demographics to the demographics of the organization.** The Board should be kept aware of both the performance of the Selection Committee and the trends in recipients versus the AAPS membership as a whole.
10. **With the help of AAPS staff, the AAPS Awards Chair will notify all candidates of the decisions on their nominations.** Notification will include information about why a package was accepted or rejected, as appropriate.

Deadlines

Timelines for the awards program will be developed annually and communicated to the general membership. Deadlines will be developed with respect to:

- Applications for awards received by AAPS
- Date by which AAPS will announce recipients
- Deadline for submitting an appeal to AAPS

Recipient will be announced at PharmSci 360.

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AAPS Endowed Award

Purpose: The Dale E. Wurster Research Award in Pharmaceutics recognizes individuals who have made significant research contributions of the field of pharmaceutics. This research may be in the areas of physical pharmacy, preformulation, dosage form design, formulation, biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics, transporter function, gene delivery, and related areas into which pharmaceutics may evolve in the future.

Number Presented Bi-Annually: 1 (Only when a worthy candidate is identified)

Presentation: PharmSci 360 opening general session or similar

Award:

- Ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) Monetary Award
- Award plaque
- Reimbursement for travel expenses up to \$1,000 domestic or \$1,500 international
- Complimentary registration at PharmSci 360 year of receipt

Expectations for Recipient: Participation in PharmSci 360 in year of receipt and participate in the Awards Program presentation to accept this honor.

Nomination Type: Self, peer or committee of peers

Nomination Package:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Brief summary of the nominee's research credentials
- Nominator's statement how the nominee fulfills the award criteria
- 2-3 letters of recommendation
- Recent photo appropriate for publication

Selection Process:

The AAPS Selection Committee will consider:

- Candidates' significant research contributions to the pharmaceutical sciences
- Impact and importance of the scientific research including considerations such as:
 - Secondary effects of research (new areas, products, etc.)
 - Scientific depth and breadth
 - Inventiveness of research
- Worldwide recognition for research

The Selection Committee will vote to select a recipient. The selection will be forwarded to the AAPS Board of Directors, along with an informational report summarizing the recipient selection rationale, and comparing the recipients' demographics to the demographics of the organization. Posthumous awards will be made only when knowledge of the awardee's death is received after being selected and approved. No individual shall receive the award more than once.

Past Award Recipients:

1990 George Zografi, Ph.D.
 1992 Gerhard Levy, Pharm. D.
 1994 William I. Higuchi, Ph.D.
 1996 Joseph R. Robinson, Ph.D.
 1998 Sung Wan Kim, Ph.D.
 2000 Leslie Z. Benet, Ph.D.
 2002 Nicholas A. Peppas, Sc.D., D.Eng.
 2004 David J.W. Grant, Ph.D.
 2006 Patrick P. DeLuca, Ph.D.
 2008 Larry Augsburger, Ph.D.
 2010 Theodore W. Randolph, Ph.D.
 2012 Brad Anderson, Ph.D.
 2014 Panos Macheras, Ph.D.
 2016 Stephen R. Byrn, Ph.D.
 2018 Diane Burgess, Ph.D., FAAPS