



William B. Graham Prize Selection Committee Job Description

Purpose of Award

The William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research was established in 2006 to honor the late William B. Graham, long-time CEO of Baxter International. The Prize is the highest distinction that researchers in the health services field can achieve, and succeeds the Baxter International Foundation Prize for Health Services Research.

The Prize was established to recognize worldwide contributions to the improved health of the public through health services research, particularly research that has a lasting impact on the healthcare system and the way healthcare is delivered. Nominations are actively sought from all parts of the world.

The Health Services Research Prize acknowledges the national or international contributions of health services researchers who apply analytic methods to examine and evaluate the organization, financing, and/or delivery of health services. A single, major research contribution or a career-long record of achievement may be recognized. The focus of the Prize is on the recognition of a person who has had a significant impact on the health of the public in one of three primary focus areas: Health Services Management, Health Policy Development, and Health Care Delivery. The Prize has helped awardees continue their contributions to the field while recognizing their past accomplishments.

Purpose of Committee

The committee evaluates the nominations based on established criteria and selects an awardee. The Committee is also charged with reviewing and, as needed, modifying the selection criteria.

Role of Chair

- Convenes committee conference calls to review the nomination letters, supporting letters and CV of each nominee submitted.
- Breaks any tie that may occur in the selection process.
- Determines, in consultation with the selection committee, if the nomination or selection process needs to be changed or modified.
- Participates in the award ceremony at the AUPHA Annual Meeting.

Role of Member

- Attends via conference call committee meetings called by the chair.
- Reviews the submitted nominations sent to members by the chair/AUPHA staff in accordance with the established selection process.
- Ranks the nominations based on the established criteria.
- Attends the reception/dinner and award ceremony held during the AUPHA Annual Meeting.

Term of Office

The term of office is for three years running from July-June.

Timing and Frequency of Meetings

The majority of the committee work takes place in the January-February months after the nominations have been received. Usually, no more than two conference call meetings are necessary.