

Honorable Awards Nomination Guidance

The following guidance is provided to assist individuals who are considering submitting a nomination for one of the honorific awards.

Key Considerations

1. Accomplishments within hematology
 - a. Does the nominee have a high level of accomplishment in hematology?
 - b. How are these accomplishments or contributions to hematology demonstrated in the nominee's professional track record?
2. Professional reputation
 - a. Does the nominee have academic stature based on the quality of his/her research, the quality of his/her mentees? Is this a person from whom I might seek consultation on either lab or clinical/translational research?
 - b. Has the nominee received awards and other forms of recognition for contributions to hematology?
 - c. Does the nominee have relevant publications in competitive journals?
 - d. Does the nomination include strong supportive letters of recommendations from mentors/mentees?
3. Does the nominee have a sustained record of NIH grant support (for U.S. candidates) or support from relevant scientific grant awarding agencies (for non-U.S. candidates)?
 - a. This principle is not relevant for the mentorship awards and the Roland B. Scott-Charles Drew Excellence in Equity Award.
4. The record of receiving past ASH honorific awards will be considered to ensure that the same individual does not receive multiple awards, although an individual who received an award early in his/her career is considered differently for purposes of receiving a senior award at a much later time in his/her career. Past award recipients are listed on individual award pages at www.hematology.org/awards.
5. Some consideration should be given to the diversity of scientific foci, perspectives, and talents of awardees, including consideration for those who experience barriers to success because of disproportionate social disadvantages (often tied to race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and identity, or disability within the broad field of hematology).
6. If an award includes a presentation of a lecture, presentation skills need to be considered.

Award Descriptions

This information is provided to help a nominator evaluate individuals who most effectively represent the spirit of a given award.

Wallace H. Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology

The Society's highest honor, the Wallace H. Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology,

recognizes an individual who has demonstrated a lasting commitment to the field of hematology through outstanding contributions to education, research, and practice. The prize is named for Wallace Coulter, an engineer, inventor, and entrepreneur who applied engineering principles to solving biomedical problems. It commemorates Mr. Coulter's important innovations in diagnostic and investigative medicine in the 20th century and his impact on the disciplines of cell biology, hematology, immunology, and oncology, as well as on industrial processes. Nominees and nominators for this award do not need to be ASH members for a nominee to be considered.

Ernest Beutler Lecture and Prize

The Ernest Beutler Lecture and Prize, named for the late Ernest Beutler, MD, a past president of ASH and physician-scientist for more than 50 years, is a two-part lectureship that recognizes major translational advances related to a single topic. This award honors two individuals, one recognized for enabling advances in basic science, and the other recognized for using clinical science or translational research to carry the basic science advances through to tangible improvements in patient care. Nominees and nominators for this award do not need to be ASH members for a nominee to be considered.

J. Evan Sadler Award for Mentorship and Bernard Forget Award for Mentorship

These are two awards, one named after the late J. Evan Sadler, MD, PhD, and the other after the late Bernard Forget, MD, who were two long-standing members and volunteer leaders of the Society. The awards recognize the value and influence of ASH members who have made a difference in the hematology community through mentoring. Each year, these awards honor two outstanding mentors drawn from the areas of basic science, clinical investigation, education, or clinical/community care. Both nominees and nominators for this award must be ASH members.

Janet Rowley Basic Science Medal

This medal is named after the late Janet Rowley, MD, who received the National Medal of Science and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The medal honors a senior investigator whose contributions to basic hematology research are well recognized and have taken place over a period of several years. Both the nominee and nominator for this award must be ASH members. Nominees should be 51 years or older at the nomination deadline.

Helen M. Ranney Clinical and Translational Science Medal

This medal is named after the late Helen M. Ranney, MD, a recipient of the Martin Luther King Medical Achievement Award, the first woman to chair a department of medicine at a major academic institution, and the first female president of ASH. The medal honors a senior investigator whose contributions to clinical/translational hematology research are well recognized and have taken place over a period of several years. Both the nominee and nominator for this award must be ASH members. Nominees should be 51 years or older at the nomination deadline.

E. Donnell Thomas Lecture and Prize

This lectureship and prize, named after the late Nobel Prize Laureate and past president of ASH E. Donnell Thomas, MD, recognizes pioneering research achievements in hematology that have represented a paradigm shift or significant discovery in the field. Both nominees and nominators for this award must be ASH members.

The Roland B. Scott-Charles Drew Excellence in Equity Award

This award is named after the late Roland B. Scott, MD, and the late Charles Drew, MD, CM, MDSc, who exemplified the qualities that this award honors — hematologists who have supported the development of an inclusive hematology workforce, who have encouraged the career development of trainees from communities that experience disproportionate social disadvantage (often tied to race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and identity or disability) in hematology, who have made the commitment to inclusiveness in contributions to the mission of ASH, or who have otherwise taken steps to eliminate health disparities in the care of hematology patients.

William Dameshek Prize

The William Dameshek Prize, named for the late William Dameshek, MD, a past president of ASH and the original editor of *Blood*, recognizes an early- or mid-career individual (50 years or younger) who has made recent outstanding contributions leading to a critical new understanding of hematology. These contributions can include basic, translational, and clinical research dealing with patients, health disparities, and outcomes research. Both nominees and nominators for this award must be ASH members.

Consideration is given to requests for an exception to the age-based eligibility requirement for a nominee who experienced a pause in their career that impacted their ability to meet the requirement.

Guidance on Nominations Letters (two pages)

Below is a list of questions that might be appropriate or relevant to consider when completing a nomination letter.

1. Contributions
 - a. What scientific contributions in hematology has the nominee made? The nominee's contributions may be very effectively summarized in the NIH Biosketch annotated with "Contributions to Science" if available. If so, this detailed description should not be repeated in the letter, which can simply refer to the NIH Biosketch.
 - i. All letters should explain how the nominee's contributions have advanced the field, and all letters should explain why the nominee deserves the specific ASH honorific award.
 - b. What is the importance of these contributions to the field? How have they influenced the field?
 - c. What are some of the nominee's contribution to the Society? While service to ASH is not an explicit criterion of any of the awards, such information could be useful in the overall evaluation of the nominee.
 - d. What other contributions has the nominee made regarding public appreciation of hematology?
2. Relevance to specific award
 - a. What are the specific major and significant contributions of the nominee in the field of hematology relevant to the criteria and spirit of the particular award? In particular, explain why the candidate is best suited to be the recipient for a given award as opposed to other awards.
 - b. It would be very helpful if the letter includes a succinct description of how these contributions have made a major impact in either the basic science or clinical arenas.
 - i. Contributions are easier to assess and judge in the scientific area than the clinical arena. Nominators are encouraged to emphasize the clinical contributions so that the Awards Committee can appreciate the importance

and influence of the nominee's contributions.

- c. What 3 – 5 publications best illustrate the quality and relevance of the candidate's research?
 - d. If the award involves a lecture, is the nominee known for an ability to give outstanding presentations?
 - e. Why do you believe the candidate should receive this award (200 words or less)?
3. Recognition
- a. Has the nominee been recognized in other forums for his/her relevant contributions?
 - b. Has the nominee been previously recognized by an ASH award? If so, what is the justification for an additional award?
4. Mentorship
- a. How has the nominee provided professional guidance, stimulated intellectual growth, promoted the career development of and advocated for mentees?
 - b. How does the nominee serve as a positive role model?
 - c. Could a mentee describe a defining moment when the nominee influenced his/her career?
 - d. Can the nominator offer specific examples of excellent mentorship and examples of successful mentees?