
College seeks nominations for Jacobson Promising Investigator Award

The American College of Surgeons is accepting nominations for the fifth Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award to be conferred in 2009. This award has been established to recognize outstanding surgeons engaged in research advancing the art and science of surgery and who have shown through their research early promise of significant contribution to the practice of surgery and the safety of surgical patients. The award is in the amount of \$30,000, to be given at least once every two years. The College's Surgical Research Committee administers the award.

Award criteria:

- Candidate must be Board-certified in a surgical specialty and must have completed surgical training within the past three to six years.
- Candidate must be a Fellow or an Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.
- Candidate must hold a faculty appointment at a research-based academic medical center (military service appointments included).
- Candidate must have received peer-reviewed funding—such as a K-series award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Veterans Affairs, or National Science Foundation, or U.S. Department of Defense merit review—to support his or her research effort.
- Nomination documentation must include a letter of recommendation from the nominee's department chair. Up to three additional letters of recommendation will be accepted.
- Only one application per surgical department will be accepted.
- Nomination documentation must include a NIH-formatted biosketch and copies of the candidate's three most significant publications.
- Nominee must submit a one-page essay to the committee explaining why he or she should be considered for the award and discussing the importance of the research he or she has conducted/is conducting.

Special consideration will be given to surgeons

who are at the “tipping point” of their research careers with a track record indicative of early promise and potential (such as degree program in research or K-award). Surgeon-scientists who are well established (for example, funded by NIH RO-1 grants) are not eligible for this award.

The recipient may be required to prepare and deliver a presentation on his or her research at the American College of Surgeons' annual Clinical Congress following receipt of the award.

Nomination procedures

Nominations are accepted at any time, but to be considered for the award at this time, submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than March 13, 2009. After compiling the necessary award criteria documentation in an electronic format, you may submit it via e-mail to Mary T. Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@fac.org. Nomination materials can also be submitted on a CD-ROM and mailed to Ms. Fitzgerald at the following address: American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611.

Applicants are encouraged to verify that all necessary documentation has been received before the **March 13** deadline. For additional information, contact Ms. Fitzgerald by e-mail or call 312/202-5319.



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