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# College seeks nominations for 2010 Jacobson Promising Investigator Award

The American College of Surgeons is accepting nominations for the sixth Joan L. and Julius H. Jacobson II Promising Investigator Award, to be conferred in 2010. This award has been established to recognize outstanding surgeons engaged in research advancing the art and science of surgery, who have shown through their research early promise of significant contribution to the practice of surgery and the safety of surgical patients. The 2010 award, funded through a generous endowed fund established by the donors, is in the amount of \$15,000. 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 in the last 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 position included).
- Candidate must have received peer-reviewed funding such as a K-series award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Veterans Administration, National Science Foundation, or U.S. Department of Defense merit review to support their 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 an 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 R01 grants) are not eligible candidates.

Award criteria and nomination procedures are available on the College Web site at <http://www.facs.org/cqi/src/jacobsonpia.html>.

## ***Nomination procedures***

To be considered for the award in 2010, submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than **March 12**. After compiling the necessary award criteria documentation in an electronic format, you may submit it via e-mail to Mary T. Fitzgerald at [mfitzgerald@facs.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@facs.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 60611-3211.

Applicants are encouraged to verify that all necessary documentation has been received before the March 12 deadline. For additional information, contact Ms. Fitzgerald by e-mail, or call 312-202-5319.