ASHP Foundation Literature Awards Program: 
Award for Sustained Contributions

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

The ASHP Research and Education Foundation was established in 1968 by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The mission of the Foundation is to improve the health and well-being of patients in hospitals and health systems through appropriate, safe and effective medication use. As the philanthropic arm of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, our vision is that: Patient outcomes improve because of the leadership and technical skills of pharmacists, as vital members of the health care team, accountable for safe and effective medication use. The strategic priorities vital to the ASHP Foundation include: facilitate and strongly support the pharmacy profession in advancing pharmacy practice models that foster pharmacists’ leadership and accountability for patient outcomes; create demand for new models of pharmacy practice that leverage the expertise and unique abilities of pharmacists; drive the advancement of the human, technical, and leadership competencies of pharmacists and pharmacy staff in complex and rapidly changing organizations; and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the ASHP Foundation.

The ASHP Foundation Literature Awards Program: Award for Sustained Contributions annually recognizes a pharmacist who, over the course of his/her career, has made significant contributions to the biomedical literature. Administered by the ASHP Foundation since 1971, this program is based on the concept that recognition through awards stimulates research and innovation and fosters improvement in the quality of the biomedical literature.

The Award for Sustained Contributions is made to an individual who has a track record for publishing relevant articles of consistently high quality and impact in the primary, peer-reviewed, biomedical literature over a minimum of twenty 20 years. Emphasis is placed on the significance and impact of the nominee’s contributions to the biomedical literature, rather than quantity of articles.

The recipient of this award receives a $4,000 honorarium, a $1,000 expense allowance to attend the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting for the award ceremony, and a plaque.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Nomination
The ASHP Foundation will request nominations from ASHP component groups (e.g., sections, advisory groups), the editors of American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, and deans of schools/colleges of pharmacy. In addition, ASHP members and affiliated state societies may nominate candidates for awards. Authors may nominate themselves as well.
Articles
All of the articles submitted as the ten highest impact contributions must have been published in a PubMed-indexed, peer-reviewed biomedical journal. In addition, applicants are required to submit a biographical sketch, which will be used in the review of the applicants' overall contributions to the biomedical literature.

Author
For this Award, the author must be a pharmacist. Past recipients of this award are not eligible for re-nomination.

Selection panel members, ASHP staff members, ASHP Foundation staff members, members of the ASHP Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors, and members of the ASHP Board of Directors are not eligible to apply for this award.

Selection Process and Criteria
Each nomination will be reviewed by members of a review panel, composed of former recipients of the Award for Sustained Contributions, appointed by the Board of Directors of the ASHP Foundation.

The recipient of the Award will be notified after the review is complete, and a public announcement of the recipient will be made prior to the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting. Awards are formally presented during the Literature Awards Breakfast at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting.

The following scoring and criteria will be used by the Review Panel as they review the applicant’s ten (10) most significant articles, the applicant’s biographical sketch, and the applicant’s narrative description of his/her contributions to the biomedical literature:

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The maximum possible overall score is 30 points.

The ASHP Foundation will obtain an H-Index score for each applicant. The H-Index will be used as one tool, along with all other information submitted by the applicant, to evaluate the application.
**Originality (5 points maximum)**
- Is the information provided in the articles new? If it is not original, were the articles necessary to move the field forward?

**Impact (10 points maximum)**
- Do the articles submitted by the applicant address important problems/issues (e.g., nationally/internationally recognized public health issues) related to medications?
- Does the applicant make a compelling case for her/his nomination?
- Along with the 10 submitted articles, do the other original, peer reviewed articles listed on the applicant’s biographical sketch support the case for her/his nomination?
- For the articles submitted by the applicant and the additional articles listed on the biographical sketch, how often was the applicant the first author and/or corresponding author? In instances where the applicant was not the first author, how often did she/he serve as the research mentor for the first author?
- Does the applicant’s H-Index score indicate that his/her contributions have had an impact?

**Innovation (5 points maximum)**
- Did the submitted articles have the potential to:
  - Contribute in a meaningful way to the evidence base;
  - Advance and/or change safe and effective medications use;
  - Advance and/or change practice;
  - Address gaps in practice;
  - Challenge paradigms;
  - Introduce new technologies or techniques; and/or
  - Introduce new research methods.
- Can the applicant’s work be generalized to other settings to advance medication-use and public health?

**Quality (10 points maximum)**
- Were the articles published in high impact biomedical journals?
- Does the applicant have a track record for publishing in medical and/or interdisciplinary journals as well as pharmacy journals?
- Have the applicant’s articles been cited frequently in other peer-reviewed articles in biomedical journals?
ITEMIZED INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide a valid, frequently used email address that is readily accessible. The ASHP Foundation will conduct several communications via email and these items can be time-sensitive. Failure to reply in the requested time frame can result in disqualification.

Cite, in reverse chronological order, ten (10) of your most significant original, peer-reviewed contributions to the biomedical literature. All citations must be provided in American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy reference format, and PMID numbers should be provided for each article. A copy of each of these articles must be included when submitted with the completed application.

The ASHP Foundation is interested in continuously improving its communication capabilities. Please select which communication vehicle directly prompted your interest to apply for ASHP Foundation Literature Awards.

The biographical sketch should list all of the applicants’ peer reviewed publications and should be submitted in the format provided in the PHS 398 form from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Describe the overall significance of your contributions to the biomedical literature in Section A of the biographical sketch form. For those articles for which the applicant was not the first author, the applicant must list in parentheses following the citation if she/he was the corresponding author, research mentor for the first author, or senior author. The biographical sketch form provided within the Award for Sustained Contributions application should be used.

You must upload a signed certification page acknowledging that all of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.