

Lasker Foundation, Lasker Medical Research Grants

Short description of the award and the fellowship

The major purpose of these awards is to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions on basic or clinical research in diseases that are the main cause of death and disability. The award winners may reside in any country of the world.

The awards are intended to recognize contributions that have opened new fields of research, advancing novel concepts or their applications in a particular biomedical discipline. These advances may consist of a specific contribution or a long series of contributions that demonstrate the nominee's significant leadership towards the development of research concepts or their clinical application.

Each award consists of an honorarium, a citation and an inscribed statuette of the Winged Victory of Samothrace, symbolizing victory over death and disease.

When the award is given to more than one individual in a category, the honorarium will be divided among the winners, and each will receive a statuette and a citation. More than one scientist may be nominated if they have worked as a team, or if they independently have made comparable contributions in their field. No more than three individuals will be considered for an award in the basic or clinical category.

The juror's evaluations of the contributions of the nominees depend heavily on the information supplied in the nomination forms. Therefore, the nomination should be accurate, detailed, current and complete. Supporting letters that specifically address the nominee's scientific accomplishments will be helpful to the jury.

Eligibility for Application

Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award (\$150,000)

This award honors the scientist or scientists who have made fundamental investigations that open new areas of biomedical science.

Lasker/DeBaakey Clinical Medical Research Award (\$150,000)

This award honors the scientist or scientists whose contributions, directly or indirectly, have led in a pioneering way to a major improvement in the clinical management or treatment of patients.

Lasker/Koshland Special Achievement Award in Medical Science (\$150,000)

This award was inaugurated in 1996. It honors a scientist whose contributions to research are of unique magnitude and immeasurable influence on the course of science, health, or medicine, and whose professional career has engendered within the biomedical community the deepest feelings of awe and respect. Scientists who have previously won a Lasker Award are ineligible for this award.

Application Deadline

Nominations should be received by the foundation no later than February 1, 2008.

Web site

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