



2016 AAGP Awards

Awards will be presented at the 2016 AAGP Plenary Session on March 18, 2016, in conjunction with the AAGP Annual Meeting, March 17-20, Washington Hilton & Towers, Washington, DC. Nominations for all applications/nominations are due **January 15, 2016**.

MISSION

The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP) is a national association representing and serving its members and the field of geriatric psychiatry.

AAGP promotes the mental health and well-being of older people through professional education, public advocacy, and support of career development for clinicians, educators, and researchers in geriatric psychiatry and mental health.

The following 2016 AAGP annual awards are as follows:

- [AAGP Distinguished Scientist Award](#)
- [AAGP Barry Lebowitz Early Career Scientist Award](#)
- [AAGP Member-in-Training Research Award](#)
- [AAGP Educator of the Year Award](#)
- [AAGP Clinician of the Year Award](#)
- [AAGP Images of Aging Communications Award](#)

NOMINATION PROCESS

Please submit the name of the individual and a paragraph on the individual to Karen Raetz no later than **January 15, 2016**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Call for Nominations

2016 AAGP Distinguished Scientist Award

The AAGP Distinguished Scientist Award is given to an AAGP member each year at the AAGP Annual Meeting.

AWARD CRITERIA

All AAGP members, except for previous awardees and current AAGP Board of Directors, are eligible for the award.

The following criteria will guide selection:

- a. Selection is based on the body of original scientific works accomplished during the course of a career as well as mentorship of the careers of successful contributing junior researchers in the field of geriatric psychiatry.
- b. Contributions of the nominee should be evaluated based on relevance to the field of geriatric psychiatry as well as recognition across the broader community of medical researchers.
- c. This award should focus on scientific contributions as opposed to other leadership activities within the field.

AAGP Barry Lebowitz Early Career Scientist Award

AAGP shall present an award for the best original research paper submitted by an early career scientist.

AWARD CRITERIA:

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be in a fellowship or hold an academic rank no higher than assistant professor.
- Be an AAGP member.
- Have submitted, or agree to submit, his/her research paper for consideration by the AAGP journal, the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.

Applicants must have an academic track record in the field of geriatric psychiatry evidenced by one or more of the following:

- Publications in the area of geriatric psychiatry in peer reviewed journals.
- Research presentations at national or international meetings.
- Evidence of early career funding from federal or private grant agencies.

AAGP Member-in-Training Research Award

AAGP shall present an award for the best original research primarily performed by a member-in-training.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Be a medical student, resident, or fellow.
- Be an AAGP member-in-training or student member.

- Have submitted, or agree to submit, his/her research paper for consideration by the AAGP journal, the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Applicants should demonstrate a scholarly interest in research in geriatric psychiatry through one or more of the following activities:

- Participation in an ongoing research program under the guidance of a mentor.
- Scholarly work in geriatric psychiatry through presentations or manuscript preparation.
- Involvement in research training or activities outside the scope of clinical training.

AAGP Educator of the Year Award

AAGP will honor a member for demonstrated excellence in the field of geriatric psychiatry education. The award is designed to recognize extraordinary efforts, innovations, and accomplishments that have a direct impact on the quality of geriatric psychiatry education.

To be eligible, a nominee must:

- Be a member of AAGP.
- Have a primary academic appointment in a U.S. or Canadian institution.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The individual will have demonstrated commitment to education with evidence of excellence and innovation in one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum development
- Teaching
- Leadership
- Mentoring
- Program development
- Student and faculty development
- Educational publications

AAGP Clinician of the Year Award

The Clinician of the Year Award recognizes an AAGP member who has demonstrated a profound commitment to the field of clinical geriatric psychiatry by providing, promoting and/or ensuring access to quality mental health care for older adults.

To be eligible, a nominee must:

- Be a current psychiatrist member of AAGP in good standing for a minimum of three consecutive years.
- Be a geriatric psychiatrist whose primary focus is the delivery of clinical psychiatric care to older adults in an office, hospital, long-term-care facility or community. Nominees may have adjunct, part-time academic appointments; however, the majority of their activities must be in the delivery of clinical psychiatric care to older adults.

AWARD CRITERIA:

Nominees should be dedicated to:

- Being available and accessible to patients.
- Communicating clearly and carefully with patients and their families.
- Maintaining a high-level of professional competence.
- Adhering to the ethical and social standards inherent in the practice of geriatric psychiatry.
- Contributing to community health efforts focused on the delivery of quality psychiatric care to older adults.
- Demonstrating service to the field of geriatric psychiatry and/or AAGP.

AAGP Images of Aging Communications Award

The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry will recognize an author or media professional for his or her compassionate, informative coverage of mental health issues facing the elderly and their families and caregivers. As older Americans are the fastest-growing segment of the population, and mental illness that is not a normal part of aging affects one in five individuals age 55 and older, it is imperative that more resources be devoted to understanding, treating, diagnosing and preventing late-life mental illnesses. The media and writers' role in helping to bring these issues to the forefront is vital.

AWARD CRITERIA:

- The association will consider articles published in a general-audience newspaper, magazine or online publication; novels, stories, poetry and essays; and radio and television programs.
- In addition to thoughtful discussion of late-life mental health, preference will be given to written works or programs that address the role of the geriatric psychiatrist.
- Preference will also be given to material with the greatest reach, i.e., national versus regional.
- Material will be judged on educational value and scientific accuracy.
- Material published/produced between November 16, 2013 and November 15, 2015 is eligible.