



*Awards and  
Masterships*

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS  
INTERNAL MEDICINE | *Doctors for Adults*

## **MISSION**

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

## **GOALS**

- I.** To establish and promote the highest clinical standards and ethical ideals;
- II.** To be the foremost comprehensive education and information resource for all internists;
- III.** To advocate responsible positions on individual health and on public policy relating to health care for the benefit of the public, our patients, the medical profession, and our members;
- IV.** To serve the professional needs of the membership, support healthy lives for physicians, and advance internal medicine as a career;
- V.** To promote and conduct research to enhance the quality of practice, the education and continuing education of internists, and the attractiveness of internal medicine to physicians and the public;
- VI.** To recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine; and
- VII.** To unify the many voices of internal medicine and its subspecialties for the benefit of our patients, our members, and our profession

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## About Awards and Masterships

One of the goals of the American College of Physicians is to “recognize excellence and distinguished contributions to internal medicine.” As a way of achieving this goal, the College offers 20 awards and a number of Masterships each year. Annually, awardees and Masters are honored at the Convocation ceremony held during the Internal Medicine meeting. A list of past awardees and Masters may be found online at [www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/history/leaders/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/history/leaders/).

### Key Dates

March 15	Key Contact Award nomination materials due
April 1	Johnson Award nomination materials due
July 1	Nomination materials due for all other awards and Masterships — materials received after this date will be held for consideration in the following year’s cycle
September	Awards Committee selects recommended candidates; Board of Regents reviews and approves candidates
October	Awardees and Masters notified by their ACP Governors
November	Announcements made on ACP Online and via message to all nominators

### Nomination Process

To receive an award or Mastership, one must be nominated by a peer or colleague and supported by four others. This process is confidential. Individuals should not self-nominate and, if nominated, should not be involved in the process. Only ACP Fellows may be nominated for Mastership. Although it is technically a class of ACP membership, Mastership is also handled confidentially.

If a nominee is not selected during the first year of consideration, two additional supporting letters (including one from the Nominator) plus an updated curriculum vitae (CV) are encouraged, but not required, during the following two years. After being presented a third time, an unsuccessful nominee is no longer eligible, and all new materials are required for that nominee to be reconsidered.

Please note that the College receives a large number of excellent nominees for Mastership each year from a pool of highly distinguished Fellows, but only about 50 Masterships are awarded.

In keeping with the College’s Diversity Policy, the Awards Committee encourages nomination of a wide array of outstanding candidates, including women, physicians from diverse groups, and international members and colleagues.

## Responsibilities of the Nominator

The Nominator should supply the following via the online submission form found at [www.acponline.org/nominations](http://www.acponline.org/nominations):

- Letters of support to include one nomination letter and four additional supporting letters. Note that the Johnson Award requires just two supporting letters.
  - When recruiting supporters for a nominee, it is important for the Nominator to choose carefully and select those who are genuinely enthusiastic about the candidates. For example, if the nominee has strong teaching qualifications (for Mastership or for an award relating to teaching), one or more of the letters could be written by current or former students or trainees.
- Nominee's CV with complete bibliography
  - If possible, the Nominator should obtain the CV in a confidential manner (such as contacting the nominee's staff assistant) rather than by direct request.
  - In the case of an organization being nominated for an award, a detailed descriptive brochure and/or descriptive narrative is required.

Ancillary materials, such as copies of books authored or magazine articles, will not be accepted. Once the required materials are submitted, an acknowledgment will be sent electronically and the Nominator will be advised of any problems or issues that may arise.

## Nomination and Support Letters

The Awards Committee emphasizes that all letters on behalf of nominations for ACP Masterships and awards are **extremely important**. Letters may come from all classes of College membership or from any individual (physician or not) familiar with the nominee. Letters signed by more than one sponsor count as one letter. Please see Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

When taken together, letters should address the following topics, especially in relation to the qualifications for a particular award or Mastership. Depending on the award and the nominee, not all of these categories may apply.

## **CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS**

- Medical school excellence
- Residency leadership
- First positions
- Original research
- Presentations at national scientific meetings
- Current positions

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACP**

- Doctor's Dilemma™
- Associate poster contributions
- Chapter councils and committees
- Chapter leadership
- Chapter awards
- National committee activity
- Leadership Day contributions
- LEAD Program
- Internal Medicine Week contributions
- MKSAP contributions
- National awards

## **RESEARCH**

- Publishing record, including peer-reviewed journals, book chapters, and books
- Editorial positions held
- Presentations given nationally and internationally
- Grants obtained
- Breakthrough discoveries

## **EXCELLENCE AS A CLINICIAN**

- Delivery of care
- Patient advocacy
- Workload

## **EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING SERVICE**

- Student evaluation excellence
- Lecturing skills
- Teaching rounds excellence
- Clinical instruction
- Teaching awards
- Career achievements of former students

## **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (not ACP)**

- University or medical school committees
- Offices held in other medical organizations
- Contributions to national scientific meetings for other medical organizations

## **VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Free clinics, medical rescue units, or shelter work
- Offices held in community organizations
- Disaster relief work
- Delivery of health care to underserved populations

## **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF NOTE**

Letters should come from the personal viewpoint and experience of the writer regarding the nominee. They should not simply summarize the CV but instead should explain in detail why the individual is worthy. In addition, letters should be from the writer's perspective and each letter should be unique. Letters should be addressed as follows:

Chair, Awards Committee  
American College of Physicians  
190 North Independence Mall West  
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1572

Please do not contact the Awards Committee Chair directly with either materials or inquiries. However, prospective Nominators are encouraged to work with, or inform, the nominee's local ACP Governor, if applicable. To reach your local ACP Governors, visit the Chapter Web site at [www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/chapters](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/chapters). Please note that many Chapters have awards committees that coordinate nominations for that Chapter.

All questions may be directed to the Awards Committee Staff Liaison at [awards@acponline.org](mailto:awards@acponline.org); 800-523-1546, ext. 2714; or 215-351-2714.

## **MACP® Mastership**

The first Mastership in the College was presented in 1923 to Dr. James M. Anders, who served the College as President for two terms. He was recognized for his extraordinary service to the College and for being one of the most outstanding internists and medical teachers of his day.

ACP Bylaws state that Masters shall be Fellows who have been selected because of “personal character, positions of honor, contributions toward furthering the purposes of the ACP, eminence in practice or in medical research, or other attainments in science or in the art of medicine.” Masters must be highly accomplished persons. Evidence of their achievements can come from many types of endeavors, such as research, education, health care initiatives, volunteerism, and administrative positions. The Master must be distinguished by the excellence and significance of his or her contributions to the field of medicine.

For Mastership, ACP involvement is expected, with rare exceptions. This may include service to the College in an official capacity, participation in chapter activities, and involvement in the development of College products and educational programs.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- Does this nominee exhibit strong personal character?
- Has the nominee held any positions of honor (past or present)?
- In what way has the nominee furthered the cause of ACP (present, past, or future plans)?
- Has the nominee attained recognition in the area of medical research, practice, medical education, and volunteerism or health care initiatives?
- What are the most significant contributions of this nominee to the art and science of medicine?

***For a complete list of recipients, please visit  
[www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/history/leaders](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/history/leaders).***

## Description of Awards

On the following pages, you will find a description of each award, including the date it was established and any specific qualifications nominees must meet to be considered for the award.

*For a complete list of recipients, please visit [www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/history/leaders](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/history/leaders).*

### **John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine** **Established: 1929**

**In honor of: The late Dr. John Phillips**, former Governor and Regent of the College.

This award is bestowed for outstanding work in clinical medicine. Clinical medicine shall be interpreted to include all phases of clinical research or practice of medicine. The recipient shall hold a medical degree.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What are the significant contributions of the nominee to clinical medicine?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time? How?

### **James D. Bruce Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions in Preventive Medicine** **Established: 1946**

**In honor of: The late Dr. James D. Bruce**, former Governor, Regent, and President of the College.

This award is bestowed for distinguished contributions in preventive medicine. Preventive medicine shall be interpreted to include any subject bearing on the prevention of disease.

The Awards Committee encourages supporting letters for the nominee from members of organizations that produce prevention guidelines, representatives of professional societies that have adopted the nominee's findings, and educators in the field of clinical preventive medicine.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- How has the nominee advanced the science of prevention?
- What specific contributions has the nominee made that will reduce the morbidity and/or mortality of a population through the application of prevention measures?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

**Alfred Stengel Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the American College of Physicians**

**Established: 1947**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Alfred Stengel**, former Regent and President of the College for two terms.

This award is bestowed for outstanding service to the American College of Physicians.

The recipient shall be a newly elected or previously elected Master of the ACP, preferably one who has served as an Officer, Regent, or Governor and who has completed official service. The selection shall be based on unusual loyalty and exceptional contributions to the aims and purposes of the College, as well as the recipient's outstanding influence in maintaining and advancing the best standards of medical education, medical practice, and clinical research.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- In what way were these contributions to the aims and purposes of the College exceptional (above and beyond the duties of the positions or offices held)?
- Over what period of time were these contributions made?
- What was the significance or impact of the nominee's contributions or activities?

**American College of Physicians Award for Outstanding Work in Science as Related to Medicine**

**Established: 1958**

This award is bestowed for outstanding work in science as related to medicine. Scientists of any country and in any field, whether nonclinical or clinical, biochemical, biological, physical, or social, shall be eligible for this award. A medical degree shall not be required. A major consideration in selecting the awardee will be an outstanding contribution to medicine made by the nominee.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What are the significant contributions of the nominee toward science as it relates to medicine?
- Why is the nominee's work considered outstanding, and what is his or her area of expertise?
- Did the scientific contributions toward medicine of this nominee merit local, state, national, or international recognition?

**Edward R. Loveland Memorial Award for a Distinguished Contribution in the Health Field**

**Established: 1961**

**In honor of: The late Edward R. Loveland**, the first Executive Staff Officer of the College.

This award is bestowed to a layperson or lay organization for a distinguished contribution in the health field. The recipient or recipients should preferably, but not necessarily, be from the geographic area of the site of ACP's Annual Meeting.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What is the nature of the services provided to the community by the nominee? Over what period of time have these services been provided?
- Are there measures of impact or effect? Health outcomes?
- Are there testimonials from those served?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?
- In what ways does this program or effort serve as a model for others? Have others used the model?

**William C. Menninger Memorial Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Science of Mental Health**

**Established: 1967**

**In honor of: The late Dr. William C. Menninger**, former Governor, Regent, and First Vice President of the College.

This award is bestowed for distinguished contributions to the science of mental health and was originally supported by the Menninger Foundation. The awardee is required to give a lecture at the ACP Annual Meeting.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- How has the nominee contributed to the science of mental health?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

## **Jane F. Desforges Distinguished Teacher Award**

**Established: 1968**

**In Honor of: Dr. Jane F. Desforges**, a Master of the College and the first woman to receive the award. (Award named in her honor in 2007.)

The award is bestowed upon a Fellow or Master of the College who has demonstrated the ennobling qualities of a great teacher as judged by the acclaim and accomplishments of former students who have been inspired and have achieved positions of leadership in the field of medical education, primarily as teachers. If the awardee has not previously been elected to Mastership, he or she will be awarded Mastership when elected.

The Awards Committee requests supporting letters for the nominee from former students and trainees who have gone on to become outstanding teachers themselves.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- How has the nominee influenced you as a teacher in medical education?
- What is unique about the nominee's teaching style or method?
- Are there measures or indicators of the level of the nominee's commitment to students or residents and medical education?
- What of your accomplishments do you attribute to the influence of the nominee in her or his role as a mentor or role model?

## **Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Awards from The Rosenthal Family Foundation**

Both awards are for recent work and are not intended to reward either a body of work or an accomplishment of long standing. The Foundation is most interested in stimulating innovation and urges consideration of younger individuals whose work has not been sufficiently recognized. Both awards are supported by the Foundation.

In the event that an organization is nominated, supporting letters for the nominee may include letters from people who benefited from the organization's programs.

**First Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award from  
The Rosenthal Family Foundation  
Established: 1976**

The first award is given “to that physician–scientist, clinician, or scientific group whose recent innovative work is making a notable contribution to improve clinical care in the field of internal medicine.” Oncology is not included, because The Rosenthal Family Foundation sponsors an award in that field.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- In what way has this nominee contributed toward improving clinical care in the field of internal medicine? How recent was this contribution?
- In what particular fashion are the contributions of the nominee considered an innovative approach to clinical medicine?

**Second Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Award from  
The Rosenthal Family Foundation  
Established: 1976**

The second award is given “to that individual or organization whose recent original approach in the delivery of health care or in the design of facilities for its delivery will increase its clinical and/or economic effectiveness.” The Foundation is especially interested in giving consideration to individuals or groups whose innovative designs of facilities (such as hospitals, intensive care units, or clinics) improve clinical care or the economics of care.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- In what way did this nominee improve the delivery or design of health care facilities and how recently?
- In what particular fashion did the nominee enhance clinical and/or economic effectiveness of this care model, and how recently?
- Did the nominee’s contribution demonstrate a significant improvement in clinical care or economics of care?
- Did the contributions of this nominee merit local, state, national, or international recognition?

**Ralph O. Claypoole Sr. Memorial Award for Devotion of a Career in Internal Medicine to the Care of Patients**

**Established: 1979**

**In honor of: The late Ralph O. Claypoole Sr.**, first administrator of the College's membership insurance programs.

The award is given to an outstanding practitioner of internal medicine who has devoted his or her career to the care of patients. The practitioner must be a clinician who is highly respected by his or her peers and colleagues for clinical skills and who has been a role model as a member of a clinical faculty of a department of medicine.

The Awards Committee welcomes supporting letters for the nominee from patients. For letters of support from patients, please describe how this physician made a difference in your care and what makes him or her unique compared with other practitioners from whom you have received care.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- In what way has this physician demonstrated excellence in and devotion to the clinical care of patients? Did the contributions of this nominee merit local, state, national, or international recognition?
- How have the characteristics of the nominee that have made him or her a role model influenced your approach to clinical care?

**Nicholas E. Davies Memorial Scholar Award for Scholarly Activities  
in the Humanities and History of Medicine**

**Established: 1992**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Nicholas E. Davies,** former Regent and  
President-elect of the College.

The award is given for outstanding contributions to humanism in medicine and will be bestowed in recognition of scholarly activities in history, literature, philosophy, and ethics.

The recipient shall possess some of the characteristics for which Dr. Davies was well known and respected: warmth, compassion, idealism, and energy. The recipient must have deep awareness of the importance of humane letters, particularly poetry and history, as one important avenue to the needs of the physician as he or she deals with human issues in health, illness, and death.

The award is not limited to those directly involved in medicine. Different aspects of humanistic qualities and the human condition, especially as they relate to health and medical care, will be considered.

The awardee is expected to give a lecture at the ACP Annual Meeting.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- How has the nominee demonstrated qualities of warmth, compassion, idealism, and energy as pertains to humanism in medicine?
- What aspects of humanistic qualities and the human condition has the nominee expressed or highlighted in writings, presentations, or other scholarly activities?
- How has this individual's contributions had an influence or impact on the medical profession or the public?

**Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award of the  
American College of Physicians  
Established: 1997**

The award is bestowed upon a Member, Fellow, or Master of the College who has consistently volunteered his or her services to teach medical students and residents. This individual should have demonstrated outstanding teaching prowess, displayed exemplary characteristics of care and concern for individual patients at the bedside, and served as a role model and mentor. His or her qualities as a distinguished teacher should have been recognized previously, for example, by teaching awards or citations from the nominee's institution, medical students or residents, or the local ACP Chapter.

The recipient of this award shall be a volunteer teacher. He or she should have a clinical faculty appointment at an accredited medical school. The recipient may be a general internist or in a subspecialty of internal medicine.

The Awards Committee encourages supporting letters from ACP Associates, former students, and residents and should identify the nature of the student-teacher relationship between the supporter and nominee.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- How much time does the nominee devote to volunteer teaching of medical students and residents?
- What made the teaching by the nominee memorable or outstanding and more effective compared with other teachers in your experience?
- How have the characteristics of the nominee that have made him or her a role model influenced your own clinical practice and teaching?
- On the basis of your observations of the nominee's interactions with patients, what is his or her approach to (or philosophy of) patient care?

## **Joseph F. Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service**

**Established: 1990**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Joseph E. Boyle**, former Executive Director of ASIM from 1985 to 1992.

The award is bestowed upon a current or former government official or a physician acting in an official capacity (state or federal, executive or legislative) who has provided outstanding public service toward improving the delivery of health care. This individual should have distinguished himself or herself by accomplishments aligned with ACP's goals, objectives, and advocacy efforts. Preference is given to nominees who have directly contributed to achieving ACP's public policy objectives, such as introducing or advocating legislative or regulatory changes that are based on ACP policy and/or working collaboratively with the College to achieve shared objectives.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- In what official capacity (state or federal, executive or legislative) did this current or former government official or physician act?
- In what way did the nominee provide outstanding public service toward improving the delivery of health care?
- In what way did the nominee distinguish himself or herself by accomplishments aligned with ACP's goals, objectives, and advocacy efforts?

**Oscar E. Edwards Memorial Award for Volunteerism and Community Service**

**Established: 1998**

**In honor of: Dr. Oscar E. Edwards**, former Governor and Regent of the College.

The award is bestowed upon an ACP Medical Student Member, Associate, Member, Fellow, or Master who has initiated or has been involved in volunteer programs or has provided volunteer service posttraining. The service must have been performed on a completely voluntary basis and not for the completion of training or position requirements. Volunteer work must have been done as a physician or medical trainee and be medically related.

The Awards Committee welcomes supporting letters for the nominee from colleagues who have worked with the nominee in volunteer and community service, community leaders who have noted the impact of his or her service, and people who have benefited from his or her work.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What have been the range and scope of the volunteer and community services undertaken by the nominee?
- Has the nominee been a leader in initiating, developing, or implementing volunteer programs?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?
- How have the characteristics of the nominee that have made him or her a role model inspired other physicians or medical trainees to participate in volunteer and community service?

## **Alvan R. Feinstein Memorial Award**

**Established: 2002**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Alvan R. Feinstein**, internationally recognized as the father of clinical epidemiology.

The award is to be given to an American physician who has made a major contribution to the science of patient care in activities that Dr. Feinstein broadly defined as clinical epidemiology or clinimetrics, involving the direct study of patients' clinical conditions. This award is given every other year.

The Awards Committee encourages supporting letters from physicians familiar with clinimetrics or clinical epidemiology and how the nominee's work contributes to the science of patient care.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What contribution did the nominee make to the field of clinical epidemiology or clinimetrics, involving the direct study of patients' clinical conditions?
- In what way did the nominee's work contribute to the science of patient care?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

## **Walter J. McDonald Award for Young Physicians**

**Established: 2003**

**In honor of: Dr. Walter J. McDonald**, former Governor and Regent who served as Executive Vice President of the College from 1995 to 2002.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a physician member who is within 16 years of graduating medical school and who is not an ACP Medical Student Member or Associate. Nominees must meet these qualifications as of June 30th of each year considered. Areas of achievement may include leadership; academics, including publishing, teaching, and mentoring; and/or volunteerism.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What significant contributions has the nominee made to the areas of academics, including publishing, teaching, and mentoring and/or volunteerism?
- Did the achievements of this nominee merit local, state, national, or international recognition?

## **Joseph E. Johnson Leadership Award**

**Established: 2003**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Joseph E. Johnson III**, former ACP Governor, Regent, Treasurer, Interim Executive Vice President, and Senior Vice President for Membership.

The award recognizes an Associate member of the College who has demonstrated qualities that exemplify the College's mission "to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine." For each year considered, nominees must be Associates as of June 30th of that year. Nominees may have outstanding achievements in any of various areas, including leadership, medical practice, research, teaching, publications, advocacy, and/or volunteerism.

***Please note:*** The awards process is different for the Johnson Award: a minimum of three letters of support are required, with five the maximum for nomination, and the deadline for all nomination materials is April 1st.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What qualities has the nominee demonstrated that exemplify the College's mission?
- What significant contributions has the nominee made to the areas of leadership, medical practice, research, teaching, publications, advocacy, and/or volunteerism?
- Did the achievements of this nominee merit local, state, national, or international recognition?

**Herbert S. Waxman Award for Outstanding Medical Student Educator  
Established: 2003**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Herbert S. Waxman**, former ACP Senior Vice President for Medical Knowledge and Education.

The award recognizes an ACP member who is an internal medicine interest group leader, clinical clerkship director, program director, or faculty member (no higher than the level of an associate professor of medicine) who spends a significant amount of time teaching medical students.

The Awards Committee welcomes supporting letters from current and former students of the nominee.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What are the indicators of the nominee's commitment to students and medical education?
- What is unique about this nominee's contributions?
- Did the achievements of this nominee merit institutional, local, state, national, or international recognition?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

**American College of Physicians Award for Diversity and Access to Care  
Established: 2008**

The award is given to an ACP member with outstanding accomplishments in advancing diversity in clinical medicine or research and/or access to care in relation to diverse populations. Activities must pertain predominantly to work in the United States. "Diverse populations" are understood to include: 1) economically or socially disadvantaged patient populations, for example, minorities, immigrant groups, or the homeless, and 2) groups underrepresented in the health care workforce.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- Are the nominee's significant contributions in advancing clinical medicine or research, in access to care in relation to diverse populations, or both?
- Which groups specifically have benefitted from the nominee's contributions?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

**Samuel Eichold II Memorial Award for Contributions in Diabetes  
Established: 2008**

**In honor of: The late Dr. Samuel Eichold II**, whose lifelong passion was diabetes, and in recognition of his high regard for the ACP Alabama Chapter.

The award is given to a member of the American College of Physicians or to an organization that has made important health care delivery innovations for diabetic patients resulting in improved clinical or economic outcomes or a member of the ACP who has conducted research that significantly improves quality of care or clinical management of diabetes.

The Awards Committee encourages supporting letters from physicians familiar with the nominee's work and the field of diabetes and the nominee's related contributions.

Nominating and supporting letters should address:

- What contributions has the nominee made in the field of diabetes?
- In which of these two categories does the contribution of the nominee fit: a) important health care delivery innovation in diabetes resulting in improved clinical or economic outcomes; or b) research that significantly improves quality of care or clinical management of diabetes?
- Have the nominee's contributions been sustained over time?

## **Key Contact of the Year Award**

The Key Contact Award program recognizes those members who have made exceptional contributions to advance the College's public policy agenda. Key Contacts communicate as constituents with their members of Congress on issues of importance to internists and their patients and to medical students. The College has nearly 6,000 Key Contacts who partner with ACP's Washington office.

The award recipient is chosen on the basis of the quality and quantity of his or her responses to ACP's congressional legislative alerts, editorials and letters to the editor, and meetings with his or her members of Congress, as well as his or her expansion of chapter federal advocacy efforts, recruitment of Key Contacts, and organization of Leadership Day visits and other meetings with legislators.

The Key Contact of the Year Award is presented at the College's annual Leadership Day Awards dinner, held in Washington, DC. In addition, the recipient is recognized at the following year's Convocation.

Staff in the ACP Washington office selects the Key Contact Award recipient. Nominations may be submitted by Chapters or members; contact Jolynne Flores, Supervisor, Grassroots Advocacy, at [jflores@acponline.org](mailto:jflores@acponline.org). The deadline is March 15th. Nominees must be a registered ACP Key Contact who has actively participated in federal advocacy during the past year.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General

#### 1. How do I nominate someone for Mastership or an award?

Please see Responsibilities of the Nominator.

#### 2. Can chapter awardees be nominated for national awards?

Yes. Chapter awardees usually make good nominees for national awards.

#### 3. Who is eligible to be nominated?

Please see the Awards and Masterships Requirements Table for eligibility relating to specific awards. In general:

- All nominees must be living at the time of consideration.
- The following are not eligible for awards or Masterships:\*
- ACP Officers
- ACP Board of Regents members
- ACP Governors
- ACP Awards Committee
- ACP Senior Staff
- ACP staff involved with the awards process

\* *Exception: Masterships are awarded each year to the outgoing ACP President and Chair of the Board of Regents.*

#### 4. Can someone apply directly for Mastership or an award?

No. These honors are conferred by nomination from peers, mentors, and others. One cannot apply or self-nominate.

#### 5. Who can write a supporting letter?

Anyone who knows the nominee may write a supporting letter.\* Letters from the nominee's ACP Governor are encouraged but not required.

Letters are often submitted by:

- Colleagues
- Patients
- Former or current trainees (some awards require letters from this group)

\* *ACP Senior Staff and ACP staff involved in the awards process may neither nominate nor write supporting letters.*

#### 6. What happens if a person is not selected?

A nomination is usually considered for a total of three years.

- The original package of five letters is reviewed for the second and third years
- The Nominator may arrange for the following:\*
- **Up to two** new supporting letters each subsequent year
- An updated CV for each successive year

\* *Additional materials are **not required** but may enhance the nomination.*

**7. Who is responsible for the awards and Mastership process?**

The awards and Masterships process is under the jurisdiction of the ACP Awards Committee, which reports directly to the Board of Regents. Implementation is handled by staff in the Membership Division at ACP Headquarters.

**8. Who are the recipients of awards and Masterships over the course of ACP's history?**

The complete lists of all Masters and awardees may be viewed on ACP Online at [www.acponline.org/about\\_acp/history/leaders/](http://www.acponline.org/about_acp/history/leaders/).

**9. Who do I go to for questions and concerns?**

Awards Committee Staff Liaison

[awards@acponline.org](mailto:awards@acponline.org)

800-523-1546, ext. 2714

Please do not contact the Awards Committee Chair directly with either materials or inquiries.

**Mastership**

**1. What are the qualifications for Mastership?**

Nominees should:

- Currently be an ACP Fellow
- Be highly accomplished, and distinguished by the excellence and significance of their contributions to the field of medicine
- Be actively involved with ACP

**2. What does receiving Mastership entail?**

- New Masters are inducted at the Convocation ceremony following their selection
- They receive a special "Master" academic hood during the ceremony.
- After induction, new Masters may use the initials MACP after their name in connection with their professional activities for as long as their membership remains current
- New Masters are considered role models and are encouraged to continue active involvement in the College, especially in their Chapter

## Awards

### 1. What are the qualifications for awards?

Please see the Awards and Masterships Requirements and Conditions for Eligibility Table.

### 2. What does receiving an award entail?

- Most\* new awardees are expected to participate in the Convocation ceremony at the Annual Meeting following their selection
  - Two awards (Menninger and Davies) stipulate that a lecture be given at the Annual Meeting
- \*The Boyle Award and the Key Contact of the Year Award will be announced during the Convocation ceremony but will be presented at Leadership Day
- They receive an engraved plaque or a similar item during the ceremony
- Most awards also bestow a small honorarium plus reimbursement of travel expenses, except for the following:
  - The Rosenthal Awards, which confer a preset monetary award and a plaque
  - The Davies Award, which confers a preset monetary award, reimbursement of travel expenses, and a plaque
  - The Loveland Award, which confers reimbursement of travel expenses and a plaque
  - In the case of a team or organization receiving an award, the College may only bestow one small honorarium and reimburse the travel expenses of one person
- Unless otherwise noted, there may only be one recipient per award.
- If an award triggers automatic Mastership, the awardee will receive the compensation associated with the award, not Mastership

Contact the Awards Committee Staff Liaison at [awards@acponline.org](mailto:awards@acponline.org) for more details about specific awards.

**Awards and Mastership Requirements  
and Conditions for Eligibility**

<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>ACP Membership Required?</b>	<b>Medical Degree Required?</b>	<b>Other Qualifications</b>	<b>Requires Outstanding Contributions in</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Phillips</b>	Associate or higher	Yes		Clinical medicine	
<b>Bruce</b>	Member, any class			Preventive medicine	
<b>Stengel</b>	Fellow or Master	Yes		Service to ACP, preferably as former Officer, Regent, or Governor	Becomes Master when receiving award if not already a Master.
<b>ACP Science</b>				Science as related to medicine, any field	Up to two ACP Awards can be awarded in a given year.
<b>Loveland</b>		Should <b>not</b> be a physician	Layperson or lay organization	Health field	Preferably but not necessarily from the geographic area of the annual meeting.
<b>Menninger</b>				Science of mental health	Required to give lecture at the annual meeting.
<b>Desforges Distinguished Teacher</b>	Fellow or Master	Yes		Qualities of a great teacher as judged by acclaim and accomplishments of former students	Becomes Master when receiving award if not already a Master.
<b>Rosenthal 1</b>		Yes, if individual	Physician scientist, or clinician (younger preferred) or scientific group	Improving clinical care in internal medicine (not oncology)	Award should be given for recent work, not a body of work or longstanding accomplishment
<b>Rosenthal 2</b>			Individual (younger preferred) or organization	Original approach to health care delivery or facilities design	Award should be given for recent work, not a body of work or long-standing accomplishment.
<b>Claypoole</b>		Yes	Current or past IM clinical faculty member	Career devoted to patient care and respected for clinical skills	

<b>Name of Award</b>	<b>ACP Membership Required?</b>	<b>Medical Degree Required?</b>	<b>Other Qualifications</b>	<b>Requires Outstanding Contributions in</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Davies</b>			Not limited to those involved in medicine	Humanism in medicine; personal humanistic traits; recognizes scholarship in history, literature, philosophy, and ethics	Required to give lecture at the annual meeting.
<b>Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher</b>	Member or higher	Yes	Clinical faculty at a medical school, in IM or IM subspecialty	Volunteer teaching of medical students and residents	
<b>Boyle</b>			Current or former government official or physician	Public service in an official capacity toward improving health care delivery	Given at Leadership Day and mentioned at Convocation. Health and Public Policy Committee ranks nominees. Preference given to those with direct contributions to achieving ACP's public policy objectives.
<b>Edwards</b>	Member, any class			Medically related volunteer program or service	Service cannot be for completion of training or for a position requirement.
<b>Feinstein</b>		Yes	Must be American	Science of patient care in clinical epidemiology or clinimetrics	Awarded every other year.
<b>McDonald</b>	Member or higher	Yes	Within 16 years of graduation as of June 30th of year considered	Leadership, academics (publishing, teaching, or mentoring), and/or volunteerism	Note that members of the Council of Young Physicians are eligible and do not rank nominees.
<b>Johnson</b>	Associate as of June 30 of year considered	Yes		Qualities that exemplify ACP's mission; may include leadership, practice, research, teaching, publication, advocacy, and/or volunteerism	Deadline is April 1st. Council of Associates ranks nominees and are not eligible. Only 3 letters of support are required, not the usual 5.

Name of Award	ACP Membership required?	Medical Degree Required?	Other Qualifications	Requires Outstanding Contributions in	Comments
<b>Waxman</b>	Member or higher	Yes	IM interest group leader, clinical clerkship director, program director, or faculty member not above level of Associate Professor	Teaching medical students	
<b>ACP Diversity and Access to Care</b>	Member, any class			Advancing diversity in medicine or research and/or access to care for diverse populations	Activities must pertain predominantly to work in the United States.
<b>Eichold</b>	Member, any class, if individual		ACP member or an organization	Improvement in care of diabetic patients; see comments at right	For individual: Research significantly improving care or management of diabetes; for organization: Innovations in diabetes care resulting in improved clinical or economic outcomes.
<b>Key Contact</b>	Member, any class			Support of ACP public policy initiatives	Deadline is March 15th. Washington Office handles, not Awards Committee. Given at Leadership Day and mentioned at Convocation.
<b>Mastership</b>	Fellow	Yes		Medicine in various areas; ACP activities expected, with rare exceptions	Limited number awarded each year.

**Conditions Rendering a Nominee Ineligible**

1. A member of the Awards Committee
2. A member of ACP senior staff, or any staff involved with the awards process
3. For the Johnson Award: a member of the Council of Associates
4. A sitting Officer, member of the Board of Regents, or Governor. (Governors-elect are eligible)

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