



THE 2018  
**LASKER**  
MEDICAL RESEARCH  
AWARDS

Nomination Packet



# ALBERT AND MARY LASKER FOUNDATION

November 1, 2017

Greetings:

On behalf of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, I invite you to submit a nomination for the 2018 Lasker Medical Research Awards.

Since 1945, the Lasker Awards have recognized the contributions of scientists, physicians, and public citizens who have made major advances in the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure, and prevention of disease.

The Medical Research Awards will be offered in three categories in 2018: Basic Research, Clinical Research, and Special Achievement.

The Lasker Foundation seeks nominations of outstanding scientists; nominations of women and minorities are encouraged.

Nominations that have been made in previous years are not automatically reconsidered. Please see the Nomination Requirements section of this booklet for instructions on updating and resubmitting a nomination.

The Foundation accepts electronic submissions. For information on submitting an electronic nomination, please visit [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org).

Lasker Awards often presage future recognition of the Nobel committee, and they have become known popularly as “America’s Nobels.” Eighty-seven Lasker laureates have received the Nobel Prize, including 40 in the last three decades. Additional information on the Awards Program and on Lasker laureates can be found on our website, [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org).

A distinguished panel of jurors will select the scientists to be honored with Lasker Medical Research Awards. The 2018 Awards will be presented at a luncheon ceremony given by the Foundation in New York City on Friday, September 21, 2018.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Goldstein, M.D.

*Chair*

Lasker Medical Research Awards Jury

# THE 2018 LASKER MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

## **ALBERT LASKER BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**

For a fundamental discovery that opens up a new area of biomedical science.

## **LASKER~DEBAKEY CLINICAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**

For a major advance that improves the lives of many thousands of people.

## **LASKER~KOSHLAND SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN MEDICAL SCIENCE**

For research accomplishments and scientific statesmanship that engender the deepest feelings of awe and respect.

## **Purpose and Description of the Awards**

The purpose of these Awards is to honor individuals who have made significant contributions in 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.

A list of previous recipients of the Lasker Awards in Basic Medical Research, Clinical Medical Research, and Special Achievement in Medical Science is included at the end of this booklet.

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 Jurors' 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.

## Nomination Requirements

- No more than three individuals will be considered for an Award in the Basic or Clinical category.** Nominators for the **Basic or Clinical Award** should provide the following:
  - A short citation (*30 words or less*) that highlights the nominee(s)'s research worthy of a Lasker Award.
  - A concise summary (*150 words or less*) of the nominee(s)'s scientific contributions to this research.
  - A description of how the nominee(s)'s work represents a major advance in either basic or clinical sciences and how his or her original contributions led to this advance. (*Limit response to 2 pages or less*).
  - A list of other scientist(s), in addition to your nominee(s), who should be considered for this award, and why. **Please Note:** The Jury considers this question a crucial one, and nominations without a complete response will be returned. (*Limit response to 1 page or less*).
- Special Achievement Awards** are intended to honor a single individual. Nominators for the **Special Achievement Award** should provide the following:
  - A short citation (*30 words or less*) that highlights the nominee's career in research worthy of this Special Achievement Award.
  - A description of the outstanding achievements of the individual and the reasons why he or she is deserving of Lasker recognition. (*Limit response to 2 pages or less*).
- All nominations must include the following additional information:
  - A brief one-page biography including major awards received by each nominee.
  - A one-page list of six (6) peer reviewed journal references that substantiate the statements made in your nomination. **Do NOT submit reprints.**
- No more than five (5) letters of support per nomination will be accepted. Letters in support of Basic nominations should address the nature of the nominee(s)'s discoveries, and how those discoveries have opened up a new area of biomedical science. Letters in support of Clinical nominations should address uniquely innovative contributions of the nominee(s) that have advanced patient care for many thousands of people. Letters of support can be either included in the nomination package or mailed separately.
- Previous nominations and support letters are not automatically carried forward. If you wish to re-nominate a previous candidate, please update the earlier nomination and resubmit it by completing a 2018 nomination form. The 2018 nomination should contain all pertinent previously submitted material, including updated letters of support and any significant new developments.
- Nominations and all supporting materials must be received by the Foundation no later than February 5, 2018.**

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## Submitting a Nomination

Email your completed nomination packet, along with supporting materials (PDF or Word documents), to [dkeegan@laskerfoundation.org](mailto:dkeegan@laskerfoundation.org)

It is not necessary to send printed materials. However, if you prefer to submit a nomination by mail or courier, send to:

**Lasker Medical Research Awards**  
Attention: David Keegan  
405 Lexington Avenue, 32nd Floor  
New York, NY 10174

*Please note:*

As an alternative to completing this nomination packet, you may securely submit an online nomination and all supporting materials.

To do so, please visit [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org)

# 2018 LASKER MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARDS

*Please check the appropriate Award.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD** (no more than 3 nominees)

\_\_\_\_\_ **CLINICAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD** (no more than 3 nominees)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN MEDICAL SCIENCE** (1 nominee only)

## Nominee

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION NAME AND ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION FOR BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD OR CLINICAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**

**Suggested citation for nominee(s)'s award (30 words or less).**

For example:

*“For the discovery of...”*

or *“For the development of...”*

or *“For the pioneering studies of...”*

**Summary of nominee(s)'s scientific contributions (150 words or less).**

NOMINEES' NAME

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**NOMINATION FOR BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD OR CLINICAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**

- 1. Why does the nominee(s)'s work represent a major advance in either the basic or clinical sciences and what are his or her original contributions that led to this advance?**

**LIMIT RESPONSE TO NO MORE THAN 2 PAGES**

NOMINEES' NAME

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**NOMINATION FOR BASIC MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD OR CLINICAL MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARD**

- 2. List other scientist(s), in addition to your nominee(s), who should be considered for this award, and why. *Please Note:* The Jury considers this question a crucial one, and nominations without a complete response will be returned.**

NOMINEE'S NAME

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**NOMINATION FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN MEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD**

**Suggested citation for nominee(s)'s award (30 words or less).**

For example: *"For the discovery of..."* or *"For the development of..."* or *"For the pioneering studies of..."*

**Highlight the outstanding achievements of the individual whom you are nominating as well as the reason why he or she is deserving of recognition from the Lasker Foundation.**

**LIMIT RESPONSE TO THIS AND THE NEXT PAGE**

NOMINEE'S NAME

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# THE LASKER AWARDS 1946–2017

## Basic Research Awards

2017

Michael N. Hall

2016

William G. Kaelin, Jr.  
Peter J. Ratcliffe  
Gregg L. Semenza

2015

Stephen J. Elledge  
Evelyn M. Witkin

2014

Kazutoshi Mori  
Peter Walter

2013

Richard H. Scheller  
Thomas C. Südhof \*

2012

Michael Sheetz  
James Spudich  
Ronald Vale

2011

Franz-Ulrich Hartl  
Arthur L. Horwich

2010

Douglas Coleman  
Jeffrey M. Friedman

2009

John Gurdon \*  
Shinya Yamanaka \*

2008

Victor R. Ambros  
David C. Baulcombe  
Gary B. Ruvkun

2007

Ralph M. Steinman \*

2006

Elizabeth H. Blackburn \*  
Carol W. Greider \*  
Jack W. Szostak \*

2005

Ernest A. McCulloch  
James E. Till

2004

Pierre Chambon  
Ronald M. Evans  
Elwood V. Jensen

2003

Robert G. Roeder

2002

James E. Rothman \*  
Randy W. Schekman \*

2001

Mario Capecchi \*  
Martin J. Evans \*  
Oliver Smithies \*

2000

Aaron Ciechanover \*  
Avram Hershko \*  
Alexander Varshavsky

1999

Clay M. Armstrong  
Bertil Hille  
Roderick MacKinnon \*

1998

Lee Hartwell \*  
Yoshio Masui  
Paul Nurse \*

1997

Mark S. Ptashne

1996

Robert F. Furchgott \*  
Ferid Murad \*

1995

Peter C. Doherty \*  
Jack L. Strominger  
Emil R. Unanue  
Don C. Wiley  
Rolf M. Zinkernagel \*

1994

Stanley B. Prusiner \*

1993

Günter Blobel \*

1991

Edward B. Lewis \*  
Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard \*

1989

Michael J. Berridge  
Alfred G. Gilman \*  
Edwin G. Krebs \*  
Yasutomi Nishizuka

1988

Thomas R. Cech \*  
Phillip A. Sharp \*

1987

Leroy Hood  
Philip Leder  
Susumu Tonegawa \*

1986

Rita Levi-Montalcini \*  
Stanley Cohen \*

1985

Michael S. Brown \*  
Joseph L. Goldstein \*

1984

Michael Potter  
Georges J. F. Köhler \*  
César Milstein \*

1983

Eric R. Kandel \*  
Vernon B. Mountcastle

1982

J. Michael Bishop \*  
Raymond L. Erikson  
Hidesaburo Hanafusa  
Harold E. Varmus \*  
Robert C. Gallo

1981

Barbara McClintock \*

1980

Paul Berg \*  
Herbert W. Boyer  
Stanley N. Cohen  
A. Dale Kaiser

1979

Walter Gilbert \*  
Frederick Sanger \*  
Roger Wolcott Sperry \*

1978

Hans W. Kosterlitz  
John Hughes  
Solomon H. Snyder

1977

K. Sune D. Bergström \*  
Bengt Samuelsson \*  
John R. Vane \*

1976

Rosalyn S. Yalow \*

1975

Roger C. L. Guillemin \*  
Andrew V. Schally \*  
Frank J. Dixon  
Henry G. Kunkel

1974

Ludwik Gross  
Howard E. Skipper  
Sol Spiegelman  
Howard M. Temin \*

1971

Seymour Benzer  
Sydney Brenner \*  
Charles Yanofsky

1970

Earl W. Sutherland \*

1969

Bruce Merrifield \*

1968

Marshall W. Nirenberg \*  
H. Gobind Khorana \*  
William F. Windle

1967

Bernard B. Brodie

1966

George E. Palade \*

1965

Robert W. Holley \*

1964

Renato Dulbecco \*  
Harry Rubin

1963

Lyman C. Craig

1962

Choh H. Li

1960

M.H.F. Wilkins \*  
F.H.C. Crick \*  
James D. Watson \*  
James V. Neel  
L.S. Penrose  
Ernest Ruska \*  
James Hillier

1959

Albert Coons  
Jules Freund

1958

Peyton Rous \*  
Theodore Puck  
Alfred D. Hershey \*  
Gerhard Schramm  
Heinz Fraenkel-Conrat  
Irvine H. Page

\* DENOTES NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

\*\* NOBEL LAUREATE PRIOR TO LASKER AWARD

1957

Isaac Starr

1956

Karl Meyer  
Francis O. Schmitt

1955

Karl Paul Link  
Carl J. Wiggers

1954

Edwin B. Astwood  
John F. Enders \*  
Albert Szent-Gyorgyi \*\*

1953

Hans A. Krebs \*  
Michael Heidelberger  
George Wald \*

1952

F. MacFarlane Burnet \*

1951

Karl F. Meyer

1950

George Wells Beadle \*

1949

André Cournand \*  
William S. Tillett  
L.R. Christensen

1948

Vincent du Vigneaud \*  
Selman A. Waksman \*  
René J. Dubos

1947

Oswald T. Avery  
Homer Smith

1946

Carl Ferdinand Cori \*

## Clinical Research Awards

2017

Douglas R. Lowy  
John T. Schiller

2016

Ralf F.W. Bartenschlager  
Charles M. Rice  
Michael J. Sofia

2015

James P. Allison

2014

Alim Louis Benabid  
Mahlon R. DeLong

2013

Graeme M. Clark  
Ingeborg Hochmair  
Blake S. Wilson

2012

Roy Calne  
Thomas E. Starzl

2011

Tu Youyou \*

2010

Napoleone Ferrara

2009

Brian J. Druker  
Nicholas B. Lydon  
Charles L. Sawyers

2008

Akira Endo

2007

Alain Carpentier  
Albert Starr

2006

Aaron T. Beck

2005

Alec Jeffries  
Edwin M. Southern

2004

Charles D. Kelman

2003

Marc Feldmann  
Ravinder N. Maini

2002

Willem J. Kolff  
Belding H. Scribner

2001

Robert G. Edwards \*

2000

Harvey J. Alter  
Michael Houghton

1999

David W. Cushman  
Miguel A. Ondetti

1998

Alfred J. Knudson, Jr.  
Peter C. Nowell  
Janet D. Rowley

1997

Alfred Sommer

1996

Porter Warren Anderson, Jr.  
David H. Smith  
John B. Robbins  
Rachel Schneerson

1995

Barry J. Marshall \*

1994

John Allen Clements

1993

Donald Metcalf

1991

Yuet Wai Kan

1989

Etienne-Emile Baulieu

1988

Vincent P. Dole

1987

Mogens Schou

1986

Myron Essex  
Robert C. Gallo  
Luc Montagnier \*

1985

Bernard Fisher

1984

Paul C. Lauterbur \*

1983

F. Mason Sones, Jr.

1982

Roscoe O. Brady  
Elizabeth F. Neufeld

1981

Louis Sokoloff

1980

Cyril A. Clarke  
Ronald Finn  
Vincent J. Freda  
John G. Gorman  
William Pollack

1978

Michael Heidelberger  
Robert Austrian  
Emil C. Gotschlich

1977

Inge G. Edler  
C. Hellmuth Hertz

1976

Raymond P. Ahlquist  
J. W. Black \*

1975

Godfrey N. Hounsfield \*  
William Oldendorf

1974

John Charnley

1973

Paul M. Zoll  
William B. Kouwenhoven

1972

Min Chiu Li  
Roy Hertz  
Denis Burkitt  
Joseph H. Burchenal  
V. Anomah Ngu  
John L. Ziegler  
Edmund Klein  
Emil Frei III  
Emil J. Freireich  
James F. Holland  
Donald Pinkel  
Paul P. Carbone  
Vincent T. DeVita, Jr.  
Eugene J. Van Scott  
Isaac Djerassi  
C. Gordon Zubrod

1971

Edward D. Freis

1970

Robert A. Good

1969

George C. Cotzias

1968

John H. Gibbon, Jr.

1967

Robert Allan Phillips

1966

Sidney Farber

1965

Albert B. Sabin

1964

Nathan S. Kline

1963

Michael E. DeBakey  
Charles Huggins \*

1962

Joseph E. Smadel

1960

Karl Paul Link  
Irving S. Wright  
Edgar V. Allen

1959

John Holmes Dingle  
Gilbert Dalldorf  
Robert E. Gross

1958

Robert W. Wilkins

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1957

Rustom Jal Vakil  
Nathan S. Kline  
Robert H. Noce  
Henri Laborit  
Pierre Deniker  
Heinz E. Lehmann  
Richard E. Shope

1956

Louis N. Katz  
Jonas E. Salk  
V. Everett Kinsey  
Arnall Patz

1955

C. Walton Lillehei  
Morley Cohen  
Herbert E. Warden  
Richard L. Varco  
Edward H. Robitzek  
Irving Selikoff  
Walsh McDermott  
Carl Muschenheim

1954

Alfred Blalock  
Helen B. Taussig  
Robert E. Gross

1953

Paul Dudley White

1952

Conrad A. Elvehjem  
Frederick S. McKay  
H. Trendley Dean

1951

Elise L'Esperance  
Catherine Macfarlane  
William G. Lennox  
Frederic A. Gibbs

1950

George Papanicolaou

1949

Max Theiler \*  
Edward C. Kendall \*  
Philip S. Hench \*

1947

Thomas Francis, Jr.

1946

John Friend Mahoney  
Karl Landsteiner \*\*  
Alexander S. Wiener  
Philip Levine

## Special Achievement in Medical Science

2016

Bruce M. Alberts

2014

Mary-Claire King

2012

Donald D. Brown  
Tom Maniatis

2010

David J. Weatherall

2008

Stanley Falkow

2006

Joseph G. Gall

2004

Matthew Meselson

2002

James E. Darnell, Jr.

2000

Sydney Brenner \*

1999

Seymour S. Kety

1998

Daniel E. Koshland, Jr.

1997

Victor A. McKusick

1996

Paul C. Zamecnik

1994

Maclyn McCarty

## Public Service Awards

2017

Planned Parenthood

2015

Médecins Sans Frontières \*\*

2013

Bill Gates  
Melinda Gates

2011

Clinical Center of the  
National Institutes of Health

2009

Michael R. Bloomberg

2007

Anthony S. Fauci

2005

Nancy G. Brinker

2003

Christopher Reeve

2001

William H. Foege

2000

Betty Ford  
Harold P. Freeman  
David J. Mahoney  
The Science Times of  
*The New York Times*  
John Edward Porter

1995

Mark O. Hatfield

1993

Paul G. Rogers  
Nancy S. Wexler

1991

Robin Chandler Duke  
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

1989

Lewis Thomas

1988

Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

1986

Ma Haide (George Hatem)

1985

Lane W. Adams  
Ann Landers (Eppie Lederer)

1984

Henry J. Heimlich

1983

Maurice R. Hilleman  
Saul Krugman

1979

John Wilson

1978

Elliot L. Richardson  
Theodore Cooper

1976

World Health Organization

1975

Jules Stein

1973

Warren Magnuson

1968

Lister Hill

1967

Claude Pepper

1966

Eunice Kennedy Shriver

1965

Lyndon Baines Johnson

1963

Melvin R. Laird  
Oren Harris

1960

John B. Grant  
Abel Wolman

1959

Maurice Pate

1958

Basil O'Connor

1957

Frank G. Boudreau  
C.J. Van Slyke  
Reginald M. Atwater

1956

William P. Shepard

1955

Robert D. Defries  
Karl and William Menninger  
Nursing Services of the  
U.S. Public Health Service  
Pearl McIver  
Margaret G. Arnstein

1954

Leona Baumgartner

1953

Felix J. Underwood  
Earle B. Phelps

1952

G. Brock Chisholm  
Howard A. Rusk

1951

Florence R. Sabin

1950

Eugene Lindsay Bishop

1949

Marion W. Sheahan

1948

R.E. Dyer  
Martha M. Eliot

1947

Alice Hamilton

1946

Alfred Newton Richards  
Fred L. Soper

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