

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Candidate must be an early-career staff member of a clinical department or unit. We define “early career” as no more than 10 years since the completion of clinical training or 10 years from the completion of their first post-doctoral fellowship (whichever was completed last).
- Candidate must be a practicing clinician with at least 50% of time devoted to independent active research efforts.
- Candidate is nominated for an achievement(s) in basic, translational and/or clinical research leading to new, innovative approaches in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment or cure of diseases and/or disabilities.
- Two early career researchers may be nominated if they have worked as a team; in this case, at least one of the two must be a clinician-scientist as defined in the first two eligibility bullets above. When the Trailblazer Prize is given to two individuals, the honorarium will be divided among the winners and each will receive a citation and an inscribed crystal award.
- Candidate must be a legal resident of the United States or a U.S. territory.

## NOMINATION CRITERIA

- Nominations are broadly solicited and can be made by any member of an accredited educational and/or scientific institution. There is no limitation on the number of nominations that may be made by a single nominator or institution. No institutional approval is required.
- No self-nominations will be accepted.
- Nominations are to be for outstanding early career clinician-scientists who reside in the United States. The prize will recognize an individual or a team of two early career individuals, one of whom must meet the Eligibility Criteria.
- Nomination materials must be in English.
- If candidates are U.S. federal government employees or anyone else whose receipt of personal cash prizes may be restricted, the nominator should confirm with the candidate that he or she is eligible to receive this prize.
- Nominations of women and minorities are encouraged.

### **Nominations must include the following information:**

- The candidates’ name, title, institution, birthdate, earned degrees and contact information (mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address).
- The nominator’s name, title, institution, terminal degree(s) and contact information (mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address).
- A brief explanation of how the candidate(s) fit the eligibility criteria.
- A 50-word citation of the basis for nomination.
- A 250-word description of the candidates’ contributions.
- The candidates’ curriculum vitae (CV) must be no more than 4 pages in length and include no more than 10 citations of publications on which the nomination is based. Nominations submitted with CVs listing more than 10 publications or that are more than 4 pages in length will be rejected.

- Up to three two-page letters of support that specifically address the nominees' accomplishments are encouraged. The letters must be submitted with the online nomination rather than separately; letters submitted through another mechanism (e.g., email) or longer than two pages in length will not be considered during the review process.