



### Nomination Details

- All nominations must be submitted using the online web portal and include:
  - Nomination summary that includes one paragraph for each award criteria (see pages 5-9)
  - NIH Format [Biosketch](#) (or abbreviated CV no more than four pages). PDF file format required.
  - Digital photo
    - High-resolution digital photo in either JPEG, GIF or PNG format with a minimum file size of 1MB (1000 KB) and may not exceed 15 MB file size.
    - Nominees should be wearing a suit or white coat and the photo should have a neutral background.
  - Brief professional biography (no more than one page). PDF file format required.
  - Cell phone number for awards notification.
- Nominations Summaries
  - All nominations must include a summary of the nominee's qualifications for the committee to consider. **Evaluation criteria for each award are provided (see pages 6-10). Nomination summaries must address each criterion.**
  - Members of the Section Nominating Committee should be charged with drafting the Nomination Summaries. A nominee may be contacted to solicit input regarding the content but should not write their own nominations. Refer to *Writing an AUA Awards Nomination* for guidance in drafting nominations (see page 12). ***Self-nominations or nominations written in the first person are not accepted.***
  - Incomplete nominations are not accepted.

### Nomination Timing

- All Nominations are due by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Timely receipt of nominations is required to afford committee members an opportunity to review and score nominations. Nominators are encouraged to hold meetings during the summer in order to meet this deadline. **Late nominations are not accepted.**
- Only nominations submitted July 1 – September 15 will be considered for awards.
- Most awards may be presented annually. AUA reserves the right not to present an award or change the periodicity of awards presentations in any category. The following two categories may be presented every three years:
  - Robert C. Flanigan Education Award will be presented in 2027 and nominations are accepted in this awards cycle.
  - The AUA is not accepting nominations this year for the other triennial awards:
    - Eugene Fuller Triennial Prostate Award will be presented in 2028
    - William P. Didusch Art & History Award will be presented in 2029

### Eligible Nominators

Nominations received from individuals other than those listed below will not be considered and are not included in the materials provided to the AUA Awards Committee. Diversity of nominees is encouraged [geographic sections, member categories (urologist, researchers, advanced practice providers, international), practice type (academic, private practice), specialty areas].

- Each **Section** may submit one nomination for each award category. If no suitable candidate is available, Sections may choose not to submit a nominee for an award category.

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- **Urology Residency Program Chairs and Directors** may submit nominations for the Gold Cystoscope Award and Mid-Career Award only.
- **Specialty society leaders** may submit nominations using an open call on AUA's website (June-Sept) for the Distinguished Contribution Award. Self-nominations are not accepted.
- **AUA members** may submit nominations using an open call on AUA's website (June-Sept) for the Health Advancement & Impact award categories only. Self-nominations are not accepted.
- **Historian** may submit a nomination for the William P. Didusch Art & History Award.
- **AUA Staff Executive Strategy Team (EVP & VP) and CEO** may submit nominations for Distinguished Service Award.
- Members from the **International Member Committee** (comprised of countries that have more than 75 AUA member) may submit nominations for key awards categories of Ramon Guiteras, Hugh Hampton Young, Lifetime Achievement, Mid-Career and Distinguished Contribution.
- Presidential Citations are given at the discretion of the **AUA President**.

### Eligibility Restrictions

- In order to recognize the many achievements of respected urologists, the AUA does not encourage (1) repeat winners or (2) nominating the same individuals in multiple categories in the same nomination cycle.
- As a general principle AUA Awards are given for national AUA activities or international advances in urology. Leadership contributions at a state, Society or Section level should be recognized by those organizations.
- Past Committee Chairs, Council Chairs and Editors are recognized for their service as physician consultants to the AUA at the conclusion of their term. A plaque is presented at their last meeting highlighting their accomplishments. These individuals are not routinely presented with an AUA Award for the same service. They may be considered to receive awards for other career achievements in urology or lifetime service in their programmatic area.
- Membership
  - The association's awards are limited to AUA members whether the nominee is a domestic or international urologist. Membership is not required for awards presented to non-urologists. (e.g., Didusch Award presented to an illustrator, Distinguished Service given to a US Senator).
  - Any member currently under disciplinary action from the AUA Board (either rebuke or expulsion) is not eligible for consideration of an AUA award until such time as the nominee is reinstated as a member in good standing.
- The Ramon Guiteras Award is AUA's highest honor. Winners are not eligible to receive any subsequent awards.
- Gold Cystoscope, Mid-Career and Lifetime Achievement Nominees have additional timeframe criteria (see awards definitions on page 6 for eligibility restrictions).
- The Gold-Headed Cane Award is for individuals who have not previously received any other AUA Award. These individuals will not be presented with any other award after winning the Gold-Headed Cane Award. Past AUA Officers are not eligible.
- Prior service as AUA President does not exclude an individual from receiving an award for scientific achievements made after his/her presidential term.
- Posthumous nominations are not encouraged. The Lifetime Achievement Award is the only category that accepts posthumous nominations for individuals that were not previously recognized during their lifetime.

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- The AUA reserves the right to rescind an award that based on nomination content later found to be inadvertently misrepresented or intentionally fraudulent. Additionally, the AUA may, by a two-thirds vote of its directors, rescind an award previously presented to an individual who has since committed grave misconduct that would bring discredit to the association. The AUA Board in its sole discretion is the final arbiter of these matters.

### **Ineligible List**

In an effort to reduce perceived conflicts, some individuals are excluded from consideration for an AUA Award during their terms of service. The following individuals are not eligible because they are members of the Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or are a physician consultant during the Awards Cycle. Note that the period of ineligibility only applies during their term of service. These individuals will be eligible again once their terms as a board member or physician consultant have concluded. Consultants are eligible for awards during their “elect” year prior to assuming chair or editor positions.

The ineligible list does not apply for nominees for the time sensitive Gold Cystoscope Award.

Members of the Health Advancement & Impact Committee are not eligible to receive the HA&I Award but are eligible to be nominated and receive other AUA Awards.

Category	Role	Name
Awards Committee	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Randall Meacham, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>Past President</b>	<b>Stephen Nakada, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Lane Palmer, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>President</b>	<b>Eugene Rhee, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>President-elect</b>	<b>Thomas Stringer, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>David Penson, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>Secretary-elect</b>	<b>Victor Nitti, MD</b>
Awards Committee	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jennifer Miles-Thomas, MD, MBA</b>
Board Member	<b>Mid-Atlantic Section Representative</b>	<b>Arthur (Bud) Burnett, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>New England Section Representative</b>	<b>Adam Kibel, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>New York Section Representative</b>	<b>Jay Motola, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>North Central Section Representative</b>	<b>Tobias Kohler, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>Northeastern Section Representative</b>	<b>Ronald Kaufman Jr., MD</b>
Board Member	<b>South Central Section Representative</b>	<b>Tomas Griebing, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>Southeastern Section Representative</b>	<b>Glenn Preminger, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>Western Section Representative</b>	<b>Christopher Porter, MD</b>
Board Member	<b>Urology Care Foundation President</b>	<b>TBD, October 2026</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Health Advancement &amp; Impact Committee Chair</b>	<b>Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>HAIC FUTURE Program Consultant</b>	<b>Larissa Bresler, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Associate Secretary – Asia</b>	<b>Jaspreet Sandhu, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Associate Secretary – Europe/Middle East</b>	<b>Jose Karam, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Associate Secretary – South-Central America Caribbean</b>	<b>Jorge Gutierrez-Aceves, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Education Chair</b>	<b>Mark Gonzalgo, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Update Series Editor</b>	<b>J. Christian Winters, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Public Policy Chair</b>	<b>Mark Edney, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Coding &amp; Reimbursement Chair</b>	<b>Anurag Das, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>CPT Advisor</b>	<b>Jay Motola, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Science &amp; Quality Chair</b>	<b>Peter Clark, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Data Chair</b>	<b>Hung-Jui Tan, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Practice Guidelines Chair</b>	<b>David Ginsberg, MD, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Quality Improvement &amp; Patient Safety Chair</b>	<b>Andrew M. Harris, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Research Chair</b>	<b>H. Henry Lai, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Museum Curator</b>	<b>Stephen Nakada, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>AUANews Editor</b>	<b>Stacy Tanaka, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>The Journal of Urology Editor</b>	<b>D. Robert Siemens, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>Urology Practice Editor</b>	<b>Katheleen Kobashi, MD</b>
Physician Consultant	<b>JU Open Plus Editor</b>	<b>John W. Davis, MD</b>

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**Individuals that previously won the Ramon Guiteras or Gold-Headed Cane Awards are not eligible to win subsequent awards in other categories.**

### Ramon Guiteras Winners

Mani Menon, MD	2026
Joseph A. Smith Jr., MD	2025
John Denstedt, MD	2024
Peter R. Carroll, MD, MPH	2023
Glenn M. Preminger, MD	2022
Ian M. Thompson Jr., MD	2021
William J. Catalona, MD	2020
Arthur D. Smith, MD,	2019
Edward M. Messing, MD, FACS	2018
Robert C. Flanigan, MD	2017
W. Marston Linehan, MD	2016
John M. Barry, MD	2015
Peter T. Scardino, MD	2014
Jean B. deKernion, MD	2013
Anthony Atala, MD	2012
E. Darracott Vaughan Jr., MD	2011
Ralph V. Clayman, MD	2010
Jack W. McAninch, MD	2009
Andrew C. Novick, MD	2008
Donald G. Skinner, MD	2007
Alan B. Retik, MD	2006
John P. Donohue, MD	2005
Patrick C. Walsh, MD	2004
Victor A. Politano, MD	2003
Earl F. Nation, MD	2002
H. Logan Holtgrewe, MD	2001
Emil A. Tanagho, MD	2000
Jay Y. Gillenwater, MD	1999
William H. Boyce, MD	1998
Charles J. Devine, Jr., MD	1997
James Tate Mason Jr., MD	1996
Thomas A. Stamey, MD	1995
John T. Grayhack, MD	1994
Paul C. Peters, MD	1993
Joseph B. Dowd, MD	1992
Willard E. Goodwin, MD	1991
William L. Valk, MD	1990
C. Eugene Carlton Jr., MD	1989
Paul J. Schildt, MD	1988
Jack Lapidus, MD	1987
Joseph J. Kaufman, MD	1986
Frank Hinman Jr., MD	1985
Willet F. Whitmore III, MD	1984
William W. Scott, MD	1983
Donald J. Jaffar, MD	1982
Russell Scott Jr., MD	1981
John K. Lattimer, MD	1980
Roger W. Barnes, MD	1979
Justin J. Cordonnier, MD	1978
Charles A. Hoffman, MD	1977
Samuel L. Raines, MD	1976
Victor F. Marshall, MD	1975
Donald R. Smith, MD	1974
William N. Wishard Jr., MD	1973
Harry M. Spence, MD	1972
Wyland F. Leadbetter Jr., MD	1971
William P. Herbst Jr., MD	1970
Charles C. Higgins, MD	1969
Rubin H. Flocks, MD	1968
Reed M. Nesbit, MD	1967
Charles C. Huggins, MD	1966
J. Hartwell Harrison, MD	1965
Edgar Burns, MD	1964
Hugh J. Jewett, MD	1963

### Gold Headed Cane Winners

H. Barton Gorssman, MD	2026
Douglass A. Husmann	2025
Gregory A. Broderick, MD	2024
Muhammad S. Choudhury, MD	2023
Julio M. Pow-Sang, MD	2022
Sanford Siegel, MD	2021
Daniel J. Culkin, MD, MBA	2020
R. John D'A. Honey, MD	2019
George W. Kaplan, MD	2018
John J. Mulcahy, MD, PHD, MS	2017
Paul H. Lange, MD, FACS	2016
Gilbert J. Wise, MD	2015
Robert E. Donohue, MD	2014
Pablo A. Morales, MD	2013
Randall G. Rowland, MD, PHD	2012
David T. Uehling, MD	2011
William W. Bohnert, MD	2010
Stephen C. Jacobs, MD	2009
Roger V. Haglund, MD	2008
Terrence R. Malloy, MD	2008
Eugene C. St. Martin, MD	2007
John C. Prince, MD	2006
Ruben F. Gittes, MD	2005
William L. Parry, MD	2004
Ralph A. Straffon, MD	2003
R. Dixon Walker III, MD	2003
James H. DeWeerd, MD	2002
Lester Persky, MD	2002
Charles E. Hawtrey, MD	2001
Hal K. Mardis, MD	2001
Harry C. Miller Jr., MD	2000
John W. Weigel, MD	2000
W. Lamar Weems, MD	1999
Andrew W. Bruce, MD	1998
Roy Witherington, MD	1997
Charles A. Hulse, MD	1996
Samuel S. Ambrose, MD	1995
Peter L. Scardino, MD	1994
Robert A. Garrett, MD	1993
W. Dabney Jarman, MD	1993
John D. Young, MD	1992
George R. Nagamatsu, MD	1991

## AUA Distinguished Awards Selection Process & Definitions

### **Nomination Scoring & Selection**

- The AUA has three triennial Awards. Applications are accepted for Robert C. Flanigan Education Award for 2027. Nominations are NOT accepted this cycle for Eugene Fuller Triennial Prostate or William P. Didusch Art & History.
- All nominations are evaluated based on the award evaluation criteria. The criteria are designed to ensure that awards recognized efforts aligned with the AUA's mission and strategic goals.
- Nominees for the Heath Advancement & Impact Award undergo an initial review by members of the Health Advancement & Impact Committee Awards Review subcommittee. The top five scoring individuals are submitted to AUA Award Committee for consideration.
- The AUA Awards Committee meets in November to select winners based on evaluation criteria for each award.
- All winners are notified by phone in late November with winners announced in the first week of December.

### **Ramon Guiteras**

*The Ramon Guiteras Award recognizes exceptional contributions to the art and science of urology.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Innovative research that advances urology
2. Urologic education and mentorship
3. Clinical expertise and meaningful patient care

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$3,000

Award Established 1963

### **Hugh Hampton Young**

*The Hugh Hampton Young Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the study of genitourinary tract disease.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Research for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of genitourinary tract diseases
2. Urologic education and mentorship
3. Clinical expertise and meaningful patient care

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 1969

### **Gold Cystoscope**

*The Gold Cystoscope Award recognizes exceptional early-career contributions.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Innovative research that advances urology
2. Clinical expertise and meaningful patient care

Eligibility Criteria: urologist must be within ten (10) years of completing residency training calculated using the Awards presentation year minus the year originally graduated residency (*e.g., eligible range 2017 – 2026 for a 2027 award*).

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 1969

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### **Mid-Career**

*The Mid-Career Award recognizes a urologist for significant mid-career contributions in research, clinical practice and/or advocacy.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Innovative research or impactful advocacy
2. Commitment to urologic education and mentorship
3. Clinical expertise and meaningful patient care

Eligibility Criteria: urologist must be greater than ten (10) and less than twenty-five (25) years of completing residency training calculated using the Awards presentation year minus the year originally graduated residency (e.g., *eligible range 2003 – 2016 for a 2027 award*).

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 2022

### **Lifetime Achievement**

*The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes sustained commitment to advancing the mission and strategic objectives of the AUA.*

Evaluation Criteria:

1. A lifetime of contributions to advance the mission and goals of the AUA  
*AUA's mission is to promote the highest standards of urological clinical care through education, research and the formulation of health care policy.*
2. A lifetime of urologic leadership

Eligibility Criteria: urologist must be practicing at least 25 years calculated using the Awards presentation year minus the "member since" year in AUA's database.

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 2009

### **Robert C. Flanigan Education** (presented in 2027 – nominations accepted)

*The Robert C. Flanigan Education Award recognizes exemplary contributions to urologic education.*

Timeframe Criteria: Presented once every three years (e.g., 2027, 2030, 2033)

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Training and mentorship of residents, fellows and medical students
2. Leadership on AUA educational programs, committees or courses

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 2012

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### **Victor A. Politano**

*The Victor A. Politano Award recognizes advances in urinary incontinence research and patient care.*

#### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Research in pharmacology or device-based interventions for incontinence
2. Clinical care for patients with incontinence and voiding disorders

Number of Recipients: 1

Monetary Award: \$2,000

Award Established 2008

Endowment: Trust fund established by *Dr. & Mrs. Politano and the Applebaum Foundation.*

### **Health Advancement & Impact**

*The Health Advancement & Impact Award recognizes meaningful contributions to address healthcare disparities and improve access to care.*

#### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Implementing sustainable strategies to address healthcare disparities
2. Research, education, or mentorship improving access to care

Number of Recipients: 1

Award Established 2023

### **Distinguished Contribution**

*Distinguished Contribution Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the practice and science of urology.*

#### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Advancing urology in a specialty area, through military service or the creation of a new technology
2. Clinical expertise and quality improvement aligned with AUA's [National Urology Quality Agenda](#)

Number of Recipients: up to 3

Award Established 1987

### **Distinguished Service**

*Distinguished Service Awards recognize exceptional service that align with the AUA's mission.*

#### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Advancing AUA's mission in education, research and/or advocacy
2. Volunteer service to the national AUA

Number of Recipients: up to 3

Award Established 1983

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### **Gold-Headed Cane**

*The Gold-Headed Cane Award recognizes exceptional and sustained contributions to the practice of urology.*

#### Expanded Definition:

This award is inspired by a tradition of passing a cane from a prominent physician to their successor. The gold-headed cane was carried by five generations of famous English physicians starting with Dr. John Radcliffe (1689 to 1714). It is a renowned symbol in medical history for the highest standards of exemplary patient care.

#### Evaluation Criteria:

1. Sustained clinical excellence
2. Urologic education and mentorship

Eligibility Criteria: May not have received any other AUA awards. Past AUA officers are not eligible.

Number of Recipients: 1

Award Established 1991

## History of the AUA Gold-Headed Cane Award

The AUA Gold-Headed Cane's inspiration stems from a distinguished tradition of passing a symbolic cane among leading physicians, beginning in the 17th century. The gold-headed cane was first carried by Dr. Radcliffe from 1689 to 1714, and it accompanied him on many consultations in London, England. He was known by royalty for his medical skills and was considered an outstanding practitioner. For more than a century after Dr. Radcliffe's death, the cane passed successively to five eminent doctors, before the widow of Dr. Matthew Baillie presented it to the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1825, where it remains today on display.

A gold cane award is a concept used today by many medical schools and specialty societies to recognize a physician who symbolizes the pursuit of the highest standards of scientific excellence and integrity earning the respect and goodwill of professional colleagues.

The AUA Gold-Headed Cane Award was first presented in 1991 for outstanding contributions to the profession and to the American Urological Association. Many distinguished urologists have since received this prestigious honor that demonstrates the high personal regard, appreciation, and respect in which the nominee is held by their peers.



*Photo of Radcliff's Cane*

## Writing an AUA Awards Nomination

Since 1963 the AUA annually bestows a number of prestigious awards. A well thought out and well written nomination summary is crucial. Reviewing the following tips will help your nominees.

1. Selecting Nominees. Each Section has its own internal process for selecting AUA Awards Nominees. Some use a Nominating Committee and others use a subset of the Board. These groups should talk with other colleagues, leaders within the Section and other Board members to solicit worthy candidates from within your Section.
2. Nominations Timeline. The timeframe is June-August. The work of collecting nominations may take a few weeks to finalize the nominee list and draft the nominations.
3. Nominations.
  - A. Be Specific. Whenever a Nominating Committee member suggests an individual, it can't be simply a name put forward. The member should be required to say why the candidate would be deserving of one or more of the AUA's specific awards, and what outstanding and unique contributions the person has made for he or she to be recognized at the highest national/international level of the AUA.

Nomination Author. A poorly or improperly written award will disadvantage the nominee. For example, in the past some Sections have nominated a deserving urologist and then asked the nominee to write his own nomination statement – this is not acceptable to the AUA Awards Committee. **Self-nominations or nominations written in the first person are not accepted.**

**A sponsor, such as a Section Nominating Committee Member, should be charged with drafting the Nomination Summaries.** This may involve reaching out to colleagues of the nominee to gain additional insights into the nominee's accomplishments. The AUA strongly discourages self-nominations as it is often difficult for a member to brag about themselves.

- B. Write Up for the Nomination. The member submitting the nomination for consideration should be asked to write a summary, up to 500 words maximum, of why the person is an excellent candidate. Members of the Section Nominating Committee should then review and edit the text as appropriate.

**MOST IMPACTFUL** – personal reflections or accounts of how the person has changed lives, anecdotes, famous quotes, making a mark early, rapid ascension, how has a nominee impacted urology and made an indelible impression on people, number of grants.

**LESS IMPACTFUL** – summarizing a person's career track or rephrasing what is typically found in a biography (e.g., residency, fellowship, academic appointments, lectureships, publications).