The AUA Awards Committee will meet in November to select recipients for the 2023 awards. The AUA encourages diversity of all award nominations, including USA/International, gender, practice type, nationality and specialty area.

GOLD CYSTOSCOPE & MID-CAREER AWARDS

Nominations are accepted from Urology Program Chairs & Directors, and Sections for the Gold Cystoscope & Mid-Career Awards.

The **Gold Cystoscope Award** is awarded annually to a urologist who has distinguished him/herself by outstanding contributions to the profession within ten (10) years of completing their original residency training. The residency graduation year must be June 2013 or later for a nominee to be considered eligible for a 2023 Gold Cystoscope Award.

The **Mid-Career Award** is awarded annually to a urologist distinguished by outstanding contributions to the profession in research, clinical urology or advocacy between 10 and 20 years of completing residency training (eligible range 2003-2012 for a 2023 award).

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD

Nominations are collected from AUA members and Sections. Member sponsored nominations are accepted using the link provided on the website.

The **Diversity & Inclusion Award** will be presented annually for commitment and efforts to enhance diversity and inclusion. Nominees may be recognized for the recruitment and mentoring of underrepresented minorities into urology, advocacy to improve health equity and access to urologic care, outstanding educational or research initiatives addressing diversity, inclusion and health equity issues, and/or leadership in addressing health care disparities and/or promoting culturally competent care.

NOMINATIONS

All nominations must be submitted electronically using the form on the AUA website (located under “About Us”, “AUA Governance”, “Awards & Scholarships”). Tips for Writing a Nominations and instructions for submitting an award using the online form are attached to this memo. In an effort to reduce perceived conflicts, some individuals are excluded from consideration for an AUA Award during their terms of service (see Eligibility Restrictions list). A list of previous award winners is available on the AUA website.
All nominations must include the following:

- **Email Address**
- **Nomination Summary** (maximum 4000 characters including spaces – this is about one page of text)
- **Abbreviated CV** (no more than 4 pages in length)
- **Biography** (one-page)
- **High-resolution digital photo** in either jpeg or PNG format with a minimum file size of 1MB (1000 KB). Nominees should be wearing a suit or white coat and the photo should have a neutral background.
- **Cell phone** number of the nominee

Questions may be directed to Jill Byer in the Committee & Society Affairs Department of the AUA (email: jbyer@AUAnet.org, phone: 410-689-3769). **Note that the nomination deadline has changed to September 15th.** We must have your nomination submitted using the online form no later than midnight on September 15, 2023.
Tips for 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. Project Timeline. The work of disseminating information and starting suggestions flowing should take place in the July-September timeframe as it typically takes several rounds of emails or teleconferences 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 a simple 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).
Nominating for an Award

**PRE-NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY CHECKER**
Prior to submitting your nomination, check the eligibility to verify the following:
- Gold Cystoscope (within 10 years of residency)
- Ineligible Nominees

Go to the award and select nominate to view the eligibility checker at the top of the screen.

**GOLD CYSTOSCOPE**

**Eligibility Requirements**

Gold Cystoscope nominees must be within ten years of completing residency training calculated from the award presentation date. Post-residency fellowship training is not included in the eligibility calculation.

First Name | Last Name
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*Search*

The search may take several moments to populate depending on the number of results found.

**SAMPLE OUTPUT for multiple individuals with same name:** responses will be either Yes, No or Unknown (no info in AUA database).

**Eligibility Requirements**

0810912, John Z. Smith - Lithicum, MD - Unknown.
0810913, John ZK. Smith - Linthicum, MD - Yes, eligible, graduated residency on 6/30/2013.
0810914, John ZZ Smith - Linthicum, MD - Unknown.
0827725, John Smith, MD - Stockbridge, GA - Unknown.
0826008, John Smith - Linthicum, MD - Unknown.
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0826000, John Smith MD Linthicum, MD - Unknown.
0826025, John Smith - Forest Hill, MD - Unknown.
001013887, John Smith - East Meadow, NY - Unknown.
01018796, John Smith, PA, MRA - Belize City, Belize City - Unknown.
01022600, John P Smith, DO - East Meadow, NY - Unknown.

Click on the member ID above to display the appropriate email address for nomination.

Click on a member ID provided in the output to get a pop-up that provides the email address (email addresses for the next step to submit a nomination).
SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION
Enter the email address of the nominee to locate their record. See example, below.
NOTE: Make sure there are no extra blank spaces before or after the email address or it won’t find the person in the AUA database.

STEP 1: Nominee

Nominee Details

Enter the email address of the person you would like to nominate. We will check our records so we can save your time if you have interacted with us before.

Email Address: [Email Address]

Check

Next Cancel

Information – Search for Nominee
Select the “Check” button to see if the individual is in the AUA system. If not, double check that the email was entered correctly. Select the nominee listed and the “Next” button

ERROR MESSAGES:
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Membership. All nominees (except Art & History) must be AUA Members. If the individual is found in AUA’s database but not a member you will receive an error message.

Error: Nominees must be members and, therefore, this nominee is not eligible for nomination.

Previous Winners. Individuals cannot receive the same award twice. If the individual is found to be a previous winner in AUA’s database, you will receive an error message. The individual can be nominated in a different awards category.

Error: This nominee has previously received this award and, therefore, is not eligible for nomination.
**STEP 2: Nominee Information – Details**

Answer the questions asked in the Nominee Detail Section. All nominations will be required to submit a nomination summary (limited to 4000 characters including spaces – this is about one page of text). Some awards will ask for additional information (Gold Cystoscope need year graduated residency). We are also requesting that you provide the member’s cell phone number to assist AUA in notifying award winners.

You may save this as a draft and revisit the document again at a later date (see section on Drafts).
STEP 3: Attachments
All nominations must include the following attachments:

- Curriculum Vitae (no more than 4 pages) in MS Word or PDF Format
- Biography (one page) in MS Word or PDF Format
- Photo
  - High-resolution digital photo in either JPEG or PNG format with a minimum file size of 1MB (1000 KB)
  - Nominees should be wearing a suit or white coat and the photo should have a neutral background.
AUA Awards – Call for Nominations

**STEP 4: Nomination Preview**
The final screen allows you to preview your nomination and attachments. You may edit content, save as a draft or submit the nomination from this page.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Once a nomination has been submitted it cannot be edited. Contact Committee & Society Affairs if a nomination was submitted in error.
STEP 5: Confirmation
You will receive a confirmation notification once an award is submitted.

You may view a summary of all your awards submissions using the “My Awards Activities” link from the main webpage. Awards submissions for the current awards cycle appear under “Open Nominations”.

Closed (Previously submitted) Nominations
All closed nominations (previously submitted from 2004 to present) are available in the Awards Database. Sections may view closed nominations by selecting the button and then click on the view hyperlink under the “actions” column.
**Drafts**

Users may select “Save as Draft” to complete a nomination at a later date.

Drafts can be edited or deleted from the “My Awards Nominations” link from the main awards page. Users may view submitted nominations and edit drafts from this site.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All nominations must have a status of “submitted” by midnight on **September 15th** to be considered for a 2023 Award.
Eligibility Restrictions

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 to be nominated for a 2023 AUA Award. These individuals will be eligible again once their term as a board member or physician consultant has concluded.

Ineligible List
The following individuals are not eligible because they are members of the Board of Directors, Awards Committee, or are a paid physician consultant during the 2023 Awards Cycle. Note that the period of ineligibility only applies during their term of service. 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.

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