

Guidelines for Selecting Academy Research Laureates

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Academy Research Laureate Award is to honor an individual or a group of individuals who made a significant and inveterate contribution to the health education and health promotion profession through a body of research. The Research Laureate is the highest award bestowed by the Academy.

B. Academy Research Laureate Selection Committee (LSC)

1. Immediate Past-President (Chair)
2. President
3. President-Elect
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Executive Director (non-voting member)

C. Selection Criteria

1. Individual recipient must be a current member of the Academy.
2. Individual recipient must be an Academy Fellow and held membership for at least 3 years.
3. Recognized nationally and internationally for the impact of their research on the practice or science of health promotion, health education, or health behavior.
4. Recipient must commit to attend the Academy's annual Scientific Meeting and deliver a paper suitable for The Research Laureate Address and publication in the *American Journal of Health Behavior*.
5. Selection will be based upon examination of nomination packets, and evidence collected and presented to the LSC.

D. Procedures

1. The LSC will generate a list of 4 or more nominees.
2. The Chair will notify each nominee of their nomination, and ask if they would like to proceed with the selection process. Nominees who wish to continue with the selection process will be asked to submit a complete vitae and other related materials, such as a statement high-lighting the significance of their research, letters of support, etc. The Chair must receive all nomination related-materials by the last Tuesday in August.

3. The Chair must distribute copies of nomination materials to members of the Committee no later than the second Tuesday in September.
4. The Academy Research Laureate Selection Committee will select 3 finalists using a rank ordered approach. The Chair will forward the names of 3 finalists in order of their ranking (1 = highest, 3 = lowest) to the Academy's Board of Directors by the second Tuesday in October.
5. The Board of Directors will discuss the 3 finalists and vote to approve or disapprove of the Committee's recommendation using the typical voting procedures during a meeting of the Board of Directors. The selection of the Research Laureate can not be held without a quorum, and must be made by the second Tuesday in November.
6. The President will notify the person selected for the award to request confirmation to attend the scientific meeting and deliver the Research Laureate Address. When confirmation is received, the President will announce to the Academy, the name of the recipient.