

## AHA NATIONAL AWARDS

Basic Research Prize: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

To recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of basic science relevant to the AHA Mission and who currently heads an outstanding basic research laboratory.

Chair's Award: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

The purpose of this award is to honor an AHA science volunteer who has made contributions to further the AHA's mission in non-science areas.

Clinical Research Prize: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

To recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of clinical science relevant to the AHA Mission and who currently heads an outstanding clinical research program.

Distinguished Scientist: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Sessions in November.*

To recognize AHA members who have made major and independent contributions to research anchored in cardiovascular, stroke or brain health. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a science volunteer by the AHA.

Eugene Braunwald Academic Mentorship Award: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

The purpose of this award is to identify and honor individuals whose academic careers have included a long-term record (at least 20-25 years) of successful mentoring of promising young academicians. The mentoring can be in any field of basic, population, clinical or translational research consistent with the mission of the American Heart Association, or in other academic pursuits, such as education. It should be based upon a consistent record of molding the careers of multiple individuals during a continuous academic career.

Gold Heart Award: *Presented in June*

This is the highest award of the AHA. This award is conferred upon those individuals who have rendered the most distinguished service over time in advancing the objectives of the AHA. Recipients are selected primarily for their continued and significant contributions over time to the national AHA and its programs. One to three award recipients are selected annually. Please note that AHA Officers are ineligible for the Gold Heart Award for three years following the end of their term of office.

Healthcare Volunteer of the Year: *Presented in June*

This award is conferred upon one healthcare volunteer who has rendered outstanding contributions to or achievements in CVD/stroke patient care or improvements in the quality of healthcare delivery. The award recipient is to be a volunteer at the division, region, or national AHA level, and is to be a professional (registered or licensed vocational nurse, physician assistant, EMT, etc.) or administrator.

Louis B. Russell, Jr. Memorial Award: *Presented in June*

This award is presented to one AHA volunteer for outstanding service in addressing healthcare disparities and/or service to minority and underserved communities and enhancing the

relationship between the AHA and underserved communities. Ideal candidates are volunteers in the spirit of Louis B. Russell, Jr., who has given freely of self for the benefit of others.

Meritorious Achievement: *Presented in June*

This award is conferred upon those individuals or organizations that have rendered an important service to the AHA. Recipients are selected primarily for a specific significant accomplishment or project for the national AHA, rather than for local accomplishments which are recognized through regional awards. In nominating candidates for this award, it is important to identify and discuss the specific accomplishment or project. Two to four award recipients are selected annually.

Morgan Stark Memorial Award: *Presented in June.*

This award is conferred upon one AHA national volunteer who has been an outstanding steward of AHA resources and a leader in the areas of human resources, finances or operations of the AHA. The recipient is to be an active volunteer of the AHA in the spirit of Morgan Stark who brought a wealth of business experience and deep insight into how AHA could maximize the impact of its mission through efficient and effective operations.

Physician of the Year: *Presented in June*

This award is conferred upon one practicing physician who has rendered outstanding contributions to the accomplishment of the AHA mission. The award recipient is to be a volunteer at the division, region, or national AHA level, and a practicing physician with direct patient care responsibilities.

Population Research Prize: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

To recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of population science relevant to the AHA Mission and who currently heads an outstanding population research program.

Research Achievement Award: *Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Session in November*

To recognize an individual's distinguished lifetime scientific achievement in a field of research related to the Mission of the AHA. It would be ideal, though certainly not mandatory, if the recipient has been involved with AHA activities.

Ron Haddock International Impact: *Presented in June*

This award is conferred upon an individual or group that has rendered an important service to the AHA in the development or implementation of its international programs. Recipients are selected primarily for a significant accomplishment or project or a sustained valuable contribution that significantly contributes to the AHA's international goals. Primary emphasis should be given to individuals or groups involved with or supporting the AHA; however, other individuals or groups may be considered when their contributions to the international control of cardiovascular diseases and stroke meaningfully and significantly advance the objectives of the AHA.

Voice of the Mission: *Presented in June.*

This award recognizes an individual or a family who has made a major impact by using their voice to amplify the mission of the AHA. The award recipient will have demonstrated success at telling their personal story through a wide range of AHA internal and external channels. The

recipient will be noteworthy in the way they have inspired others to action by bringing our mission to life, with a focus on the impact of our work on the lives of individuals.

Woman Changing the World Award: *Presented in June*

This award is conferred upon one woman who is a leader in her field or community in driving significant change and outcomes that help forward the mission of the AHA. The recognition reflects the recipient's full body of work as a professional, civic leader, thought leader, and AHA volunteer. The awardee is selected based on impact both externally and within the AHA, in service of the mission, goals and guiding values of the AHA.