

AHA Science Awards

Presented during the Presidential Session at Scientific Sessions in November

Chairman's Award

The purpose of this award is to identify and honor medical/science volunteers who have made contributions to further the AHA's strategic goals in non-science areas. The award consists of a citation and an honorarium of \$1,000.

Eugene Braunwald Academic Mentorship Award

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. The award consists of a citation and an honorarium of \$1,000.

Basic Research Prize Award

This award is to recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science and who currently heads an outstanding cardiovascular basic research laboratory. The prize consists of a citation and an honorarium of \$5,000.

Clinical Research Prize Award

This award is to recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science and who currently heads an outstanding cardiovascular clinical research laboratory. The prize consists of a citation and an honorarium of \$5,000.

Population Research Prize Award

This award is to recognize and reward an individual who is making outstanding contributions to the advancement of cardiovascular science and who currently heads an outstanding cardiovascular population research laboratory. The prize consists of a citation and an honorarium of \$5,000.

Research Achievement Award

This is a very distinguished award of national importance, and its presentation is a highlight of Scientific Sessions, the association's annual meeting. It has been conferred annually since 1953 in recognition of distinguished scientific achievement in the field of cardiovascular research. The award, consisting of a citation and an honorarium of \$2,500. Since the inauguration of the AHA Basic Research Prize, the Research Achievement Award has been focused to recognize and reward lifetime contributions to cardiovascular research and/or teaching.

AHA National Volunteer Awards

Presented in late spring / early summer

Gold Heart Award

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Ron Haddock International Impact

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

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

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.