AUA Awards Definitions

**Ramon Guiteras**
The Ramon Guiteras Award may be awarded annually to an individual who is deemed to have made outstanding contributions to the art and science of urology.

Monetary Award: $3,000

**Hugh Hampton Young**
The Hugh Hampton Young Award may be presented annually to an individual for outstanding contributions to the study of genitourinary tract disease.

Monetary Award: $2,000

**Gold Cystoscope**
The Gold Cystoscope Award may be presented annually to a urologist distinguished by outstanding contributions to the profession.

Criteria: individual must be within ten (10) years of completing residency training calculated from Awards presentation year.

Monetary Award: $2,000

**Lifetime Achievement**
The Lifetime Achievement Award may be presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to advance the mission and goals of the American Urological Association.

Criteria: individual must be practice urology at least 25 years calculated using the Awards presentation year minus the board certification date.

Monetary Award: $2,000

**Robert C. Flanigan Education**
The Robert C. Flanigan Education Award may be given once every three years to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to the educational goals of the American Urological Association.

Monetary Award: $2,000

**Victor A. Politano**
The Victor A. Politano Award may be presented annually to an individual (e.g. urologist, basic scientist, researcher, biomedical engineer, etc.) for outstanding achievements in the field of urinary incontinence and for enhancing the treatment of incontinent patients.

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

Monetary Award: $2,000
**William P. Didusch Art & History Award**
The AUA William P. Didusch Art and History Award may be presented annually to recognize contributions to urological art (e.g. illustrations, sculpture, still photography, motion pictures) or lifetime contributions to the history of urology.

Monetary Award: $1,000

**Distinguished Contribution Award**
Distinguished Contribution Awards may be presented annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the science and practice of urology, including, but not limited to, a sub-specialty area, military service, or humanitarian efforts.

Number of Recipients: up to 3

**Distinguished Service Award**
Distinguished Service Awards may be awarded annually to individuals for outstanding service in advancing the goals of the American Urological Association.

Number of Recipients: up to 3

**Gold-Headed Cane Award**
The inspiration for the AUA Gold-Headed Cane dates back to a highly respected tradition that began 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. Dr. Radcliffe was the first to pass the cane along to a successor whom he considered to be the greatest English physician of his time. AUA continues this tradition by presenting a Gold-Headed Cane Award to a senior urologist distinguished by outstanding contributions to the profession and to the AUA

Criteria: May not have been recognized in any other way by the AUA (no previous Awards won. Past AUA Presidents, Secretaries or Treasurers are not eligible).
2021 Awards Memo to Sections

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.

Project Timeline
The work of disseminating information and starting suggestions flowing should take place in the June-August timeframe as it typically takes several rounds of emails or teleconferences to finalize the nominee list and draft the nominations prior to the Sept. 30 deadline.

Selecting Nominees
Sections. 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. Members of the Section Nominating Committee should review and edit the nomination summary prior to final submission to the AUA.

Urology Program Chairs & Directors. Each program has its own internal process for selecting nominees for the Gold Cystoscope Award. The program chair and director should talk with other colleagues, leaders within the program to solicit worthy candidates.

Nominations
Be Specific. Whenever an individual is suggested, it can’t be a simple name put forward. The nominator 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 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 a deserving urologist was nominated and then asked the nominee to write his own nomination statement – this is not acceptable to the AUA Awards Committee. Nominees may not write their own statement.

The nominator should be charged with drafting the summary statement. 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.

Write Up for the Nomination. The nominator should write a summary, up to 500 words maximum, of why the person is an excellent candidate. The summary statement should include how the individual’s achievements meets the definition of the award.

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 CV.