Mayo Clinic Alumni Association
Donald C. Balfour Alumni Award for Meritorious Research
Nomination Form

Please print or type and return this form and supporting material to the address given below.

Nominator Information

Name ____________________________________________________________
Title ____________________________________________________________
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Nominee Information

Name ____________________________________________________________________________________
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Each nomination packet must include:

☐ Letter of nomination (Please describe in detail how this nominee meets the criteria)
☐ Curriculum vitae and bibliography
☐ Supporting letters (5 are recommended)

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Send nomination to: Mayo Alumni Center
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Rochester, MN 55905
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See other side for criteria information
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The Donald C. Balfour Alumni Award is given annually in recognition of accomplishment in novel hypothesis-driven, clinical/patient oriented or basic science research. Research, which involves the translation of basic scientific findings into clinical practice at the patient and the population level, is ideal. Candidates for the award must be residents or fellows with a clinical appointment in medical and laboratory specialties, surgery and surgical specialties, or internal medicine and medical specialties. Candidates eligible for the award must have a current appointment or completed their appointment within one year prior to nomination. Nominations for the award are received from faculty members accompanied by a curriculum vitae and explanatory letters of recommendation from one or more faculty advisors of the nominee. While these are the basis for preliminary selection of candidates for the award, it may be necessary to supplement this information by further consultation with the advisors and others familiar with the research. Selection for the award is based upon the following criteria.

- Originality and significance of the research
- Strength of letters of reference
- Number of original publications (as first or second author) resulting from this line of research (i.e., manuscripts published prior to Mayo training will not be considered)
- Number of research or other academic awards

Initiative and independent work by the nominee in accomplishing the research are important factors weighed in final selection. Neither final publication of the research, nor completion of a thesis for a graduate degree are prerequisite to consideration for the award; however these accomplishments strengthen the application. Presentation of the research at local or national meetings and/or assurance of the advisor that the material is being prepared for publication or for submission to the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education Committee as a thesis will be considered by the Committee as evidence of completion of the research. Generally the research or phase of research considered for an award should have been completed within the year or two preceding the nomination.

The award is presented at one of the scheduled meetings of the Alumni Association. If circumstances permit, the candidate will be invited to present his or her research at one of the scientific programs of the Association.