

**Mayo Clinic Alumni Association**  
**Donald C. Balfour Alumni Award for Meritorious Research**  
**2018 Nomination Form**

*Please print or type and return this form and supporting material to the address given below by February 1, 2018.*

**Nominator Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Nominee Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Each nomination packet must include:*

- Letter of nomination (*Please describe in detail how this nominee's research meets the award selection criteria*)
- 1-2 page summary from applicant describing their greatest research contribution and why it is significant
- Curriculum vitae and bibliography
- Supporting letters (*3-5 are recommended*)

*Names of those writing supporting letters*

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**Send nomination to:**

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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 or the population level is ideal.

Candidates for this 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 results
- Strength of letters of recommendation
- Number of original publications (as first or second author), especially those resulting from the nominated line of research
- Number of research or other academic awards
- Initiative and independent work by the nominee in accomplishing the research

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 Clinic 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 nominated for this 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.