



Donald C. Balfour Alumni Association Award for Meritorious Research 2025 Nomination

Mayo Clinic Alumni Association

Please return this form and supporting material to the [Alumni Center](#) by Dec 20, 2024

Nominator information

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Nominee information

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Each nomination packet must include:

- Letter of nomination (describe in detail how nominee’s research meets award selection criteria)
- 1–2 page summary from applicant describing their greatest research contribution and its significance
- Curriculum vitae and bibliography
- Supporting letters (3 required, no others considered)

Supporting contributor names:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Send nomination to:

Email mayoalmuni@mayo.edu

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Criteria

The Donald C. Balfour Alumni Association Award is given annually in recognition of accomplishment in novel hypothesis-driven, clinical/patient oriented or basic science research. Research that 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. Eligibility is limited to individuals within 10 years of receipt of their postgraduate degree and whose nominated research represents work from their first postdoctoral fellowship. 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 provided by faculty members and accompanied by a curriculum vitae and explanatory letters of recommendation from one or more faculty advisers of the nominee. While these are the basis for preliminary selection of candidates for the award, it may be necessary to supplement this information with consultation with the advisers and others familiar with the research. Selection for the award is based upon the following criteria:

- Originality and significance of 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 adviser 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 a scheduled meeting of the Alumni Association. If circumstances permit, the candidate will be invited to present their research at a scientific program of the association.