Announcement

To recognize significant accomplishment and outstanding promise in cancer research, Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the 2021 competition for the Class of ’61 Cancer Research Awards. This annual Award recognizes significant accomplishments in cancer research at Yale University by a young member of the faculty, coupled with the expectation for future outstanding contributions to our understanding of the causes of cancer and to the development of novel cancer treatments. Established through the generosity of the Yale College Class of 1961, the Award provides unrestricted funds to support the winner’s cancer research at Yale.

Nominees must be an independent Yale faculty member age 45 or less, with accomplishments documented by published papers and awarded grants in any area of cancer research, including seminal investigations into basic cancer biology, important translational or clinical studies, or critical population science studies. The winner will be selected by senior leaders of Yale Cancer Center, and will be announced by the end of 2021.

Guidelines

1. Candidates must be members of Yale Cancer Center and no older than 45 years old on December 31, 2021.
2. Nominations must be received at YCC by 5 pm on Monday November 22nd, 2021.
3. Candidates maybe nominated by YCC Program Leaders or other Cancer Center members, but may also nominate themselves.
4. Each nomination should be accompanied by a current CV that lists the nominee’s date of birth.
5. The candidate’s five most important published cancer research papers (as an independent faculty member) should be highlighted on the CV, accompanied by a brief (1 sentence) description of the significance of each of the five papers.
6. PDFs of these five papers should also be provided with the nomination.
7. Candidates should provide a one-page summary of future cancer research plans.
8. The nominator should suggest names of three scientists familiar with the candidate’s cancer research contributions who could write letters of support if needed. At least two of the referees must be outside Yale, and none can be a former research mentor. Neither nominator nor candidate should contact referees directly.
9. The winner will be selected by a committee of Yale Cancer Center senior leaders, and announced to the Yale community and the media by the end of 2021.
10. Winners of the Award will present their research at Cancer Center Grand Rounds.
11. The winner(s) will also provide a brief written summary of their work to be distributed to Class of 1961 leadership and will make an in-person presentation to the Class.
12. Funds associated with the Award must be expended within two years. In the event the winner leaves Yale before the funds are completely expended, unexpended funds will be returned to Yale Cancer Center to be used at the discretion of the Yale Cancer Center Director.

Please send all inquiries and nomination materials to Mark Lemmon (mark.lemmon@yale.edu).