



2021 Membership Nomination Guide

Dear ASCI Member,

Following is the 2021 nomination guide for Active, Foreign Associate, and Honorary membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation. The ASCI Council encourages you to identify and nominate qualified candidates across all specialties, keeping under consideration the importance of diversity as the Society focuses on mentoring the next generation of physician-scientists.

Election to the ASCI membership is an honor. New members will be recognized at the ASCI Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Friday, April 9, at the 2021 AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting (April 9–11 in Chicago). We expect new members to attend the meeting as we celebrate and recognize their election. It is also important for Proposers to attend the meeting and to help initiate new members into the ASCI.

Active and Foreign Associate candidates may be nominated a maximum of 3 times, provided they are age 50 or younger as of January 1, 2021. Carefully consider the eligibility criteria to avoid jeopardizing a candidate's election. (There is no age restriction for candidates in the Honorary category.)

Nominations may be submitted through September 14, 2020. The Proposer is responsible for ensuring that the nomination is completed by the deadline. Nominations that are incomplete after the deadline will not be considered.

Nominations are reviewed by members of the ASCI Council, which then submits a recommendation for election of up to 80 nominees to the ASCI's Active and Senior membership segment for a vote. For unsuccessful nominations that are eligible for re-nomination, the Council may choose to provide limited feedback. No feedback will be provided for unsuccessful nominations that are not eligible for re-nomination, and the Council will not consider appeals of unsuccessful nominations, regardless of eligibility for re-nomination.

Sincerely,

Benjamin D. Humphreys, MD, PhD
Secretary-Treasurer, 2019–2021

This document and related information are available at <http://www.the-asci.org/membership>

Important dates

- Submission deadline is September 14, 2020, at 11:59 pm Eastern.
- Proposers will be contacted about decisions by the end of October 2020.
- The AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting is April 9–11, 2021.

Questions?

- Contact the ASCI by email, staff@the-asci.org; or phone, 734-222-6050, press 3, then press 1 to leave a message (ASCI staff members are currently working remotely but receiving messages).



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Active and Foreign Associate nominations

Eligibility

- Must be physicians who have “accomplished meritorious original, creative, and independent investigations in the clinical or allied sciences of medicine” and who enjoy “unimpeachable moral standing in the medical profession” (as stated in the ASCI bylaws).
- Must be age 50 or younger on January 1, 2021.
- May be nominated no more than 3 times. Proposers are discouraged from nominating candidates whose qualifications are still questionable, or from re-nominating a candidate if the candidate’s work has changed little in the interim.

Nomination preparation guidance and instructions

- Proposers and Seconders (required for nominations in this category) must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer or Secunder ideally should be from an institution different from the nominee’s institution (although this is not required), and both should have a good understanding of the nominee’s work.
- For Seconders and General Supporters:
 - Comments should supplement, but not duplicate, information provided by Proposers and deal specifically with the nominee’s original scientific contributions:
 - Seconders must limit comments to 500 words.
 - General Supporters:
 - Comments are limited to 250 words.
 - **New for 2021:** Each nomination may have no more than 3 General Supporters.
- **SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

Proposers must start nominations online through their member accounts by selecting their nominee or adding the nominee to the ASCI’s database.

New for 2021: Proposers may grant access to nominees to fill out certain aspects of the nomination (as noted below). When nominees have completed their editing, they may return access to Proposers for subsequent review and submission.

Proposers are responsible for ensuring that submitted nominations are accurate and complete:

- **About the nominee** — *nominee may edit this information*
 - For guidance regarding whether a nominee should be indicated as belonging to an underrepresented racial/ethnic group or as disabled, refer to the following US National Institutes of Health (NIH) notice:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html>
- **Support for nomination** — *only accessible to the Proposer*
- **Nominee's institutional affiliation** — *nominee may edit this information*
- **Documents** — *nominee may edit this information*
New for 2021: The nomination form is entirely online (previously, the ASCI required a separate form to be uploaded).

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- Full academic curriculum vitae, including full bibliography (with original research separated from other types of publications) and invited lectures. In the bibliography, ensure that the nominee’s name is presented in bold face.
 - NIH-style biographic sketch (5-page limit), following the current format available at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
Information about current independent grant support, indicating clearly whether the nominee is a principal investigator, should be noted, so that the Council has standardized information regarding all nominees. Independent research support represents one of several criteria used in assessing independence.
 - PDFs of publications noted in “Most significant publications” section below.
- **Most significant publications** — *nominee may edit this information*
List the nominee's 3 most significant publications, excluding those representing work done by the nominee as a trainee, and provide annotation for each (limit of 50 words) describing the publication’s key findings and significance. Present authors in the original publication sequence, with the nominee’s name in capital letters, followed by numbered notation of the nominee's role in parentheses (1, collaborator; 2, principal investigator), title, journal name, volume, inclusive page numbers, and year. For example: John Q. Public and JANE DOE (1). Title. Journal. 1:1-10 (2015).
 - **Seminal contribution** — *nominee may edit this information*
Summarize the nominee's defining seminal contribution(s) and why this work forms the basis for the nomination. 75-word limit.
 - **Proposer’s general statement on the nominee** — *must be completed by the Proposer*
In the Proposer's own words, describe the quality, originality, and impact of the nominee’s scientific work and the consistency and importance of the nominee’s research theme. Include a statement on the level of independence from the nominee’s mentor(s) and the nominee’s productivity and stature in the field. 500-word limit.
 - Proposers should expand upon the candidate’s seminal contribution(s), including the originality, novelty, and impact of this research on the field. Note any special circumstances (e.g., childbearing, personal or family illness) that influenced the candidate’s research activities.
 - Information regarding major awards, invitations to give plenary lectures (especially at national and international meetings), and invitations to write chapters in major textbooks should be included as applicable — the quality and quantity of work are important factors.
 - Extensive description of the candidate’s training, research conducted in the laboratory of a more senior investigator, and institutional citizenship is discouraged.
 - **Statement on progress and development since previous nomination**
— *must be completed by the Proposer (if applicable)*
In the Proposer's own words, describe the critical differences between this nomination and the previous nomination. (Only complete for re-nominations.) 500-word limit.



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Honorary nominations

Eligibility

- Must “have distinguished scientific contributions with widespread biological significance in the area of clinical investigation” (as stated in the ASCI bylaws).
- Must not be or have been previously eligible for nomination as an Active or Foreign Associate member.
- Are not limited by age at nomination; however, the criteria for significance of scientific contribution are more stringent than those for Active or Foreign Associate nominees.

Nomination preparation guidance

- Proposers must be Active, Foreign Associate, Senior, or Honorary ASCI members in good standing and current in Society dues. The Proposer should have a good understanding of the nominee’s work.
- General Supporters:
 - Comments are limited to 250 words and should supplement, but not duplicate, information provided by Proposers and deal specifically with the nominee’s original scientific contributions.
 - ***New for 2021:*** Each nomination may have no more than 3 General Supporters.
- Seconders are not part of nominations in this category.
- **SUBMISSION PROCESS:** Same as for Active and Foreign Associate nominations (see page 2).