

Nomination guide for Active and International membership, 2022

Dear ASCI member,

Following is the 2022 nomination guide for Active and International membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation. The ASCI Council encourages you to identify and nominate qualified physician-scientists 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 is an honor. New members will be recognized at the ASCI Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Friday, April 8, at the 2022 AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting (April 8–10 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 to help initiate new members.

Candidates may be nominated a **maximum of 3 times**, provided they are age 50 or younger as of January 1, 2022. Carefully consider the eligibility criteria to avoid jeopardizing a candidate's election.

The Proposer is responsible for ensuring that a nomination is completed and submitted by the deadline noted below. Nominations that are incomplete after the deadline will not be considered.

Note for this cycle:

- The ASCI's bylaws have been amended and affect this nomination cycle:
 - This nomination cycle is only for Active and International membership nominations. Nominations for 2022 Honorary membership will occur in a separate cycle.
 - The designation "Foreign Associate" has been changed to "International".
 - Any member (except for those currently on Council) may serve as Proposer or Secunder.
 - The Council may recommend election of up to 100 nominees, compared with 80 for previous cycles.
- Proposers may grant nominees access to edit certain aspects of their nominations. While not required, granting access is strongly encouraged to ensure accuracy of information and to reduce the time burden on Proposers.
- A demographics section has been added as part of the nomination process.

The ASCI Council reviews nominations and recommend up to 100 (see above) for election. The Council may choose to provide limited feedback for unsuccessful nominations that are eligible for re-nomination. The Council will not provide feedback for unsuccessful nominations that are not eligible for re-nomination, and it will not consider appeals of unsuccessful nominations, regardless of eligibility for re-nomination.

Sincerely,

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2021–2023 Secretary-Treasurer
The American Society for Clinical Investigation

Important dates

- Submission deadline is October 4, 2021, at 11:59 pm Eastern.
- Decisions will be communicated starting in mid-November.
- The AAP/ASCI/APSA Joint Meeting is April 8–10, 2022.

Questions?

- Contact the ASCI by email, staff@the-asci.org, or phone, 734-222-6050.

See full information at <https://www.the-asci.org/membership>

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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, 2022.
- may be nominated no more than three 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

A nomination requires **one Proposer and one Seconder**, both of whom **must be ASCI members** in good standing and (if applicable) current in Society dues.

- The Proposer or Seconder ideally are 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.
- The Proposer submits a nomination and is responsible for:
 - providing the “Proposer’s general statement on the nominee” and “Statement on progress and development since previous nomination”; and
 - ensuring that a nomination is accurate and complete.
- The Seconder is responsible for providing:
 - scores for the areas enumerated in the support form; and
 - comments (limited to 500 words) that supplement, but do not duplicate, information provided by the Proposer and deal specifically with the nominee’s original scientific contributions.

General Supporters may help to provide additional context for a nominee’s contributions, and to demonstrate wider support for the nominee beyond the nominee’s own institution, particularly if the Proposer and Seconder of a nomination are from the nominee’s institution.

- Any member may serve as a General Supporter.
 - Those who are not ASCI members may serve as General Supporters.
 - Up to three General Supporters are permitted per nomination.
 - Comments are limited to 250 words.
- **SUBMISSION PROCESS:**

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

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

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- **NOMINATION SECTIONS:**

- **About the nominee** — *nominee may edit this information*
- **New for 2022: Nominee's demographic information** — *nominee may edit this information*
 - The ASCI requests responses to 9 sections that will help provide the foundation for expanding diversity, fostering inclusion, and achieving equity in the ASCI. All response areas are voluntary, with a “Prefer not to answer” option available for each section. Anyone with access to person-specific information (such as ASCI leadership, members associated with review processes, and staff members) will be required to keep the information confidential. Depersonalized summary information of all response areas may be provided in periodic public reports.
- **Support for nomination** — *must be completed by the Proposer (only accessible to the Proposer)*
- **Nominee's institutional affiliation** — *nominee may edit this information*
- **Documents** — *nominee may edit this information*

Note: The nomination form is entirely online.

 - 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.

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- 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.