



ACGME David C. Leach Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Why did the ACGME establish the David C. Leach Award?

In honor of the former Executive Director of the ACGME (1997-2007), David C. Leach, MD, and his contributions to resident/fellow education and well-being, the ACGME created this award in 2008, with the first recipients awarded in 2010. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contributions to graduate medical education.

Who is eligible?

- Residents or fellows who are *currently* in an educational program (residency or fellowship) (current as identified by the ACGME and its Review Committees in its official roster of residents/fellows)
 - Note: The project leader **must be** a current resident/fellow (at the time of nomination submission) at the program where the project was performed
- Faculty members *with* residents or fellows
- Multidisciplinary teams (that include faculty members, residents/fellows, allied health professionals, and others) that feature resident/fellow involvement

Note: *Back to Bedside* grant recipients are not eligible to receive the David C. Leach Award.

Who may nominate?

- Program directors
- Designated institutional officials (DIOs)
- Review Committee members
- Program coordinators

How do I make a nomination?

Download the nomination form from the ACGME website, complete it, and submit it along with three **signed** support letters according to the directions on the form. All materials (nomination form and support letters) must arrive by email in **one** PDF (portable PDF files are **NOT** acceptable). To do this, assemble all materials and scan. The resulting PDF can then be emailed. **Material received in piecemeal or that includes unsigned letters will not be accepted.** Direct any questions to DeLonda Dowling: ddowling@acgme.org or 312.755.5059.

What is the deadline for nominations?

The deadline is **Wednesday, April 6, 2022** and all nominations must be received **by 5:00 p.m. Central**. Nominations received after that date/time will not be accepted.

How many nominees receive the award?

Up to five residents/fellows or teams will be selected.

What is awarded?

A \$2,500 cash award and a plaque.

- If a team wins, the team members will share the cash award and the team will receive one plaque. Only the project leader (*must be a resident or fellow*) and one guest will travel courtesy of the ACGME to the 2023 ACGME Annual Educational Conference.
- An individual winner will receive the entire cash award and plaque, and the awardee and a guest will travel courtesy of the ACGME to the 2023 Annual Educational Conference.

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When will the award winners be announced?

Selections will be made by the ACGME Awards Committee at its fall 2022 meeting; afterwards, ACGME President and CEO Dr. Thomas J. Nasca will notify recipients. The recipients will be acknowledged at the 2023 ACGME Annual Educational Conference. Award announcements will be published in a press release, the *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*, and the ACGME *e-Communication*, as well as on the ACGME website and social media accounts.