MEMORANDUM

To: ACOI Members

From: John R. Sutton, DO, FACOI, President

Date: March 14, 2017

Subj: Awards Nominations

Nominations are being sought for ACOI's three annual awards, the Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year and Internist of the Year. Please review the criteria listed on our [website](http://www.acoi.org) and consider nominating qualified ACOI members for one or all of these special awards. The awards will be made at the ACOI Convention, October 11-15, 2017 in Washington, DC at the Gaylord National Harbor Hotel.

Nominations should take the form of a letter detailing the individual's accomplishments and activities deserving consideration. Address the correspondence to John F. Uslick, D.O., MACOI, Chairman, Honors and Awards Committee c/o the ACOI office. **The deadline for nominations is April 28, 2017.** Thank you for your participation in the activities of the ACOI.

cc: Honors and Awards Committee
ACOI Board of Directors

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ACOI SPECIAL AWARDS

The three special awards made to members of the ACOI are Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year and Internist of the Year. The awards will be made annually, when qualified candidates are identified, and will include a $1,000 stipend to defray the cost of traveling to the annual convention. The criteria for each award is as follows.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR - One who has made major contributions to osteopathic medical education, which may include, but are not limited to:

- Recognition through the receipt of teaching awards for excellence in teaching in undergraduate or graduate medical education;
- Leadership as a program director, course director or director of medical education in which valuable contributions to the profession and a positive impact on a significant number of trainees have been made;
- Development of a model program that has led to innovation in osteopathic medical education;
- Receipt of Federal or foundation grants;
- Publication of articles on medical education in medical education journals.

RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR - One who has made major contributions to clinical or basic research related to osteopathic internal medicine as demonstrated by:

- A substantial record of extramural funding from Federal or foundation sources, such as the National Institutes of Health, American Osteopathic Association, the American Heart Association, etc.;
- Publications of original research in refereed journals;
- Discovery of new technology, therapeutic interventions, or a new approach to clinical care that has had a significant impact on clinical care.

INTERNIST OF THE YEAR - One who has made major contributions to osteopathic internal medicine as demonstrated by:

- The opinion of osteopathic internal medicine leaders relative to clinical excellence;
- Receipt of awards recognizing clinical excellence from hospitals, state healthcare organizations and the community;
- Development of a model clinical program that has made an impact on osteopathic internal medicine;
- Leadership role in clinical direction as a chief of medicine, medical director, etc.;
- Recognition of bedside teaching excellence;
- Excellence as a mentor and role model for osteopathic residents and students.

OTHER INFORMATION - Nominations for these awards must take the form of a detailed letter listing the nominee's accomplishments, CV if possible and activities which deserve consideration. See above for the criteria for each award. Recipients of these awards receive a $1000 cash stipend to defray the costs of travel to the Convention to receive the award.

OTHER AWARDS:

MASTER FELLOWSHIP - Finally, nominations are sought for candidates for the Grover Gillum Society of Master Fellows (MACOI), which honors members of the ACOI who have achieved recognition thought their superiority in clinical practice, teaching or research. To be considered, a candidate must meet basic criteria for membership, have achievement of the degree of Fellow, and have had significant contributions to the ACOI or osteopathic internal medicine at the local, regional or national level. To be accepted, the candidate must have demonstrated that their participation has raised the level of excellence of the organization in which they participate. Letters of nomination and recommendation should reference the contributions the nominee has made to the ACOI and the profession.