

# **AICF Prize for Scientific Excellence in Medicine**

## **Guidelines for Nominations**

### **Prize Overview**

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation (AICF) Prize for Scientific Excellence in Medicine recognizes individuals who made transformative discoveries that have significantly advanced our understanding and treatment of cancer. Recipients represent the highest standards of scientific excellence with demonstrated impact across cancer biology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

### **Award Categories**

#### **Category 1: Excellence in Basic Science**

This category recognizes outstanding fundamental research that has advanced our understanding of cancer biology at the molecular, cellular, or systems level.

Work in this category should demonstrate scientific rigor, novelty, and significant contribution to the fundamental understanding of cancer biology.

Candidates nominated in this category hold a doctorate and/or medical degree.

#### **Category 2: Excellence in Clinical Science**

This category recognizes clinician-scientists for medical breakthroughs that have fundamentally transformed clinical practice in oncology.

Work in this category should demonstrate clear clinical relevance, measurable impact on patient outcomes, and successful translation of research findings into clinical practice or advanced-stage clinical development.

Candidates nominated in this category hold a medical degree (with or without a doctorate degree) and practice clinical work.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Nominee Eligibility**

- Nominees must have made significant contributions within the past 10 years
- Members of the AICF Scientific Advisory Board and their family members are not eligible.
- Self-nominations are not permitted.

## **Nominator Requirements**

- Nominators must be established scientists or clinicians with expertise in cancer research.
- Nominators cannot work for the same institution as their nominee.
- Up to three nominations from the same nominator are permitted.

## **Nomination Requirements**

### **Required Documentation**

- A brief description of the discovery or discoveries on which the nomination is based
- Relevant publications from the past 10 years related to the above description
- A curriculum vitae

## **Award Details**

### **Recognition**

- Two awards annually: one in each category
- \$50,000 prize for each awardee
- Presentation at AICF's Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction in New York

### **Obligations**

- Mandatory participation in AICF Annual Benefit Dinner: winners must attend the Annual Dinner that takes place every year in the Fall in NYC.
- Mandatory research lecture: winners must present their research at the AICF Scientific Symposium held in NYC the day following the Benefit Dinner.
- Future Engagement: willingness to serve as ambassadors for AICF's mission and participate in future AICF scientific activities when feasible

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NOMINATION FORM**

**Submission deadline: March 27, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST**

Please send all nominations to [caibino@americanitaliancancer.org](mailto:caibino@americanitaliancancer.org) and include the following materials:

- Completed nomination form
- Relevant publications from the past 10 years
- Nominee's curriculum vitae

Please select one: \_\_\_\_\_ Clinical Scientist Nomination    \_\_\_\_\_ Basic Scientist Nomination

<b>Candidate</b>	Name		
	Academic position or title		
	Mailing address		
<b>The nomination is based on the discovery of:</b>			
<b>Description</b>			
<b>Nominator</b>	Signature		Mailing address
	Name (please print or type)		
	Academic Position or title		Date