ICRS Awards Guidelines

Descriptions

Mechoulam Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field
The Mechoulam award is given to a distinguished established scientist who has made continued meritorious, significant, and widely recognized contributions to cannabinoid and endocannabinoid research that have moved the discipline forward. The recipient is invited to deliver a lecture describing their work at the annual ICRS Symposium on the Cannabinoids during the year that they receive the award.

ICRS Young Investigator Award
The Young Investigator Award is given to a researcher within 15 years of receiving their terminal degree, who has demonstrated a dedication to cannabinoid and endocannabinoid research and has developed a cohesive research program of excellence in the field. The recipient should have a strong publication record, contributions to the society, and the potential to become a leader in the field of cannabinoid or endocannabinoid research. The recipient is expected to deliver a lecture describing their work at the annual ICRS Symposium on the Cannabinoids during the year that they receive the award.

ICRS Lifetime Achievement Award
The Career Award is given to a senior individual who has dedicated his or her career to furthering cannabinoid and endocannabinoid research. A record of enduring high-impact publications, awards, and committee membership exemplify such dedication. The recipient may currently be retired, and the contributions may have occurred in the past. Awardees are expected to have had broad impact on more than one aspect of the field. This award is given at the annual ICRS Symposium on the Cannabinoids.

Nomination and Review Process – All awards are typically given annually, but may not be given every year. All nominations are held by the ICRS and will be considered for the award for each of the five years following the original submission, within the limits of eligibility for the award. With the exception of the Mechoulam award, which is judged by committee consisting exclusively of former Mechoulam Awardees and the current President, all nominees will be judged by the Committee on Awards, which is comprised of regular members of the ICRS, as appointed by the Executive Director.

Successful nominees can be from any discipline, but must have a proven record of significant, relevant research.

Nominations must be comprised of a single pdf and include:
(1) a cover letter that speaks to the nominee’s research interests and background, including relevant experiences with the ICRS and current contact information (i.e., email address and phone number) of the nominee; and
(2) a current CV of the nominee.

Timeline (Subject to change by the Secretary)
Jan 1: Nominations are due to the Secretary and Executive Director.
Jan 15: The Secretary will send the nominations to the Chair of the ICRS Committee on Awards.
Feb 1: The Chair of the ICRS Committee on Awards will communicate the Nominations for each award to each committee.
Feb 15: Committees will vote. Chair of Mechoulam Award Committee will communicate Results of Mechoulam Award to the Chair of the Committee on Awards within 48 hours.
March 1: The Chair of the ICRS Committee on Awards will send the voting results to the Secretary for ratification.
March 15: The Secretary will communicate results to (1) the Executive Director and (2) the Managing Director.
April 1: The Secretary will inform the award recipients. The Managing Director will initiate orders for the award plaques, thus allowing at least two months for the plaques to be fabricated prior to the annual ICRS Symposium on the Cannabinoids.

Notification of Awards – Award recipients will typically be announced publically at the ICRS Banquet.