

IAPA Outstanding Achievement Awards

Nomination Procedures

Every year, IAPA honors outstanding Indian-American psychiatrists who are residing and practicing in the United States for their contributions to the mental health field. Please see below the description of the awards and Chair of the Award Committees.

If you would like to nominate someone, please provide the following details and the nominee's CV to the Chair of the Award Committee.

Requirements: The nominee:

- Should be a life member or willing to join IAPA as a life member.
- Should be a Physician licensed to practice medicine in the United States
- Should be a physician in good standing.
- Should not be a previous recipient of IAPA award; exception being recipients of the outstanding resident award.
- Should be willing to travel at his/her expense to attend the IAPA annual meeting. The Outstanding Academician awardee should also be willing to present at the scientific meeting.

Also, please note the following:

- a) As there are so many outstanding IAPA members, we would like to provide an opportunity for those who have never received an IAPA award to be considered. So kindly, do not nominate individuals who have received any of the IAPA awards at any time. Exception is made for recipient of outstanding resident award who can be nominated for other awards.
- b) It is a privilege to serve IAPA in leadership roles. Please do not nominate any of the leaders: Executive Committee members; Board of Trustees (BOT) or Councilors. These names can be found on the website under About Us > Governance > Officers & Committees.
- c) IAPA awards are given to members recognized as 'outstanding' by their peers & colleagues. So self-nomination is not allowed.

The deadline for nomination will be announced for that year but generally falls in November.

All awardees will be honored with a plaque at the annual IAPA meeting.

Description of IAPA Awards

Outstanding Academician Award:

Given to an IAPA life member who has made noteworthy academic contributions to the mental health field that is evident through research, teaching and administrative activities.

Outstanding Service Award:

Given to an IAPA life member who has made significant contributions to the growth and development of the national organization (IAPA) or a local chapter of IAPA.

Outstanding Public Sector Award:

Given to an IAPA life member who has made significant contributions as a psychiatrist towards the betterment of the community.

Outstanding Resident Award:

A letter from Program director or a faculty member at the resident's institution is required commenting on abilities of applicant in the following areas: Outstanding leadership skills; Professionalism; Heightened cultural awareness in mental health; Clinical/Psychiatric Knowledge; Strong role model and mentorship ability and Scholarly activity.

Outstanding Chapter Award:

Given to a Chapter based on the (a) number of meetings in a given year (2) initiatives and contributions in respective region and (3) number of new of members.

Guidelines for submitting nominations

- Required Information
- Name and Contact Information of the Nominating Person
- Name, address and contact information of Nominee
- Brief Description of Nominee's outstanding work can be in the body of the email)
- Recent C.V. of the nominee

Submission: The nominating letter and nominees cv should be sent electronically to the Chair of the respective committees by the announced date.

Following are the committee chairs with their contact email for 2018 and 2019 Awards
For 2019 Awards deadline date for nomination is February 28th 2019

Outstanding Academician Award: Dr. Deepak D'Souza (deepak.dsouza@yale.edu)

Outstanding Service Award: Dr. Chand Nair (chandnair10@gmail.com)

Outstanding Public Service Award: Dr. Tarak Vasavada (tarak@vasavada.us)

Outstanding Resident Award: Dr. Tanuja Gandhi (drtanujagandhi@gmail.com)

Outstanding Chapter Award: Dr. Sricharan Moturi (charanmd@gmail.com)

For all awards nominations please cc to President at dpatel1466@gmail.com