

2024 IAPA OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS Seeking Nominations – Due December 31st, 2023

Dear Members,

Each year, the IAPA recognizes exceptional Indian-American psychiatrists residing and practicing in the US for their mental health contributions. I am sure you know many good candidates qualified to be nominated for these awards. I would like you to take some time, review the criteria, and nominate someone. Drs. Karuna Poddar, Tanuja Gandhi, and Rohit Chandra lead the committee to work on our esteem project. Remember, your nomination should reach us by **12/31/23**.

Requirements

The nominee should be

- A life member in the calendar year before the year of award nomination – i.e., for 2024, the nominee should have been an IAPA member in 2023.
- A physician in good standing, licensed to practice medicine in the United States and or Canada.
- Willing to travel at their expense to attend the IAPA annual meeting, where they will be recognized and awarded a plaque. The Outstanding Academician awardee should also be agreeable to doing an educational presentation at the IAPA Scientific meeting.
- Nominees should have significantly contributed to the growth and development of mental health.

Exclusion Criteria

- Be a prior recipient of an IAPA award (except the Outstanding Resident award)
- Be a current member of IAPA's Executive Committee (President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer)
- Self-nomination: IAPA awards are given to members recognized as "outstanding" by their peers & colleagues. No self-nomination is allowed.
- For Chapter Award: Be a recipient of an IAPA Chapter Award within the past five (5) years

Guidelines for submitting nominations

Required Information:

- Name and contact information of the nominating person
- Name, address, and contact information of the nominee
- The type of award the nomination is for
- A brief description of the nominee's outstanding work can be in the body of the email.
- Recent C.V. of the nominee

Description of awards:

Outstanding Academician Award: An IAPA life member who has significantly contributed to the mental health field through research, teaching, and administrative activities is awarded for their academic achievements.

Outstanding Service Award: Given to an IAPA life member who has significantly contributed 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 the program director or a faculty member at the resident's institution is required commenting on the abilities of the 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. (Participation/ contribution to activities of the IAPA will be considered).

Outstanding Chapter Award:

Given to a chapter based on the (a) number of meetings in a given year, (b) initiatives and contributions in its respective region, and (c) number of new members (Previous Chapter Award winners from over five years ago can reapply).

Submission:

For all awards nominations, please send the nominating letter and nominees CV electronically by 12/31/2023 to:

Dr. Karuna Poddar @ drkarunap@gmail.com and copy IAPA president Dr. Tarak Vasavada at president@myiapa.org

Thank you,

Tarak Vasavada, MD

President, IAPA