



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 following receipt of the award.

ICRS WILLIAM A. DEVANE EARLY CAREER AWARD

The Early Career Award is given to a researcher, typically within 10 years of receiving their terminal degree, who has demonstrated a dedication to cannabinoid and endocannabinoid research and has established a cohesive research program of excellence in the field. Career interruptions and other life events may be considered in this timeline. 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. Examples of posts that might typically be held by recipients include, but are not limited to, assistant professor, lecturer/junior lecturer, early career investigator research grant awardees, and equivalent early career positions in non-academic settings. Those already promoted to tenured associate professor or equivalent will generally be ineligible unless such promotion has happened within 10 years of receipt of terminal degree. The recipient is expected to deliver a lecture describing their work at the annual ICRS Symposium on the Cannabinoids during the year following receipt of the award.

ICRS MID-CAREER AWARD

The Mid-Career Award is given to an established researcher 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 following receipt of the award.

ICRS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a senior individual who has dedicated his or her career to furthering cannabinoid or 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.

NOMINATION and REVIEW PROCESS

The ICRS strongly encourages nomination of scientists from underrepresented groups, as well as scientists who prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusion in their research. With the exception of nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award, nominees must be ICRS members in good standing. The ICRS Committee on Awards reserves the right to make a final recommendation on which award a nominee should be most appropriately considered for, and will seek the nominee's approval if they are to be considered for a different award to the one for which they have been originally nominated.

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, and typically chaired by the Past President.

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

Nominations must 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.
- (2) a current CV of the nominee.
- (3) the name of the Award for which the individual is being nominated (see descriptions above)
- (4) The permission of the nominee to be nominated (unless self-nominating)

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 confirm nominees' award eligibility and 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 (i.e., confirming award eligibility).

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 publicly at the ICRS Banquet, and be presented with their plaque at the following year's symposium, after their talks (if giving a talk), or plaque sent via mail if not presenting a talk.