

## **About the Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award**

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (ACMGF) established the Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award to honor Dr. Watson, as the first and longstanding executive director of the ACMG, for his nearly 20 years of transformational leadership of the College, the ACMG Foundation, and the field of medical genetics and genomics.

Throughout his career, Dr. Watson has worked tirelessly to advance the knowledge, depth and breadth of genetics and genomics as a primary clinical and laboratory specialty vital to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of rare and common genetic disorders and to develop and improve programs that support and enhance public health and medical disorders through innovative means.

The Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Innovation Award was established to acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated innovation in their work and developed or implemented a new concept, method or idea that has had significant impact on genetic and genomic medicine. Examples might include:

- Development of a novel approach in clinical, laboratory, or biochemical genetics/genomics.
- Fostering the use of technology or state-of-the-art scientific or medical educational tools to advance genetic and genomic medicine.
- Influencing public policy in medical genetics and genomics through advocacy, legislative means, or community collaboration.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Nominations will be accepted and considered from both ACMG members and non-members. You may nominate yourself or a colleague. The nominee may be a seasoned professional, student or emerging leader in industry, or in the medical, scientific, research or health advocacy arena.

This is an opportunity recognize an individual who has demonstrated exceptional vision about the future of genetics and genomics and is dedicated to advancing the field of science and/or medicine in some unique way.

To submit a nomination, please click the [application link](#), and attach the nominee's CV or bio-sketch along with a statement of up to 5 pages (11-point font) outlining the nominee's accomplishments as an innovator in genetic/genomic medicine.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

Award decisions will be made by the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine through a peer-review process.

The deadline to submit a nomination is **Friday, January 31, 2020 by 5:00 PM EST.**

## **AWARD BENEFITS**

The annual combined value of the award is **\$5,000**, to include:

- Cash award in the amount of \$2,000 (US)
- A commemorative plaque
- One-year membership in the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG)
- Paid travel expenses to the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting; to include domestic airfare and hotel accommodations
- Complimentary ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting registration
- Presentation and/or acknowledgement during the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting and/or another affiliated ACMG event
- Media recognition

## **POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS:**

The awardee must be prepared to submit the following documents to remain eligible to receive the award:

- (1) A W9 tax form
- (2) An ACMG travel expense report form confirming proof of receipt and explanation of use of funds is required within 60 days of departing the ACMG Annual Meeting
- (3) A quote for the official announcement
- (4) A headshot (which may be used for ACMG communications/public relations, websites and other marketing purposes)
- (5) A signed "ACMGF Opt-In" Form confirming permission to receive ongoing and future correspondence from ACMGF.

All forms and instructions on how to complete these items will be provided as part of the award notification correspondence. For questions, please contact the ACMG Foundation staff at [acmgf@acmgfoundation.org](mailto:acmgf@acmgfoundation.org) or call 301-718-9603.