

# Awards and Honors Committee

Faculty Council Steering Committee

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**Faculty Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Awards and Honors**  
**Approved by Faculty Council 9-23-2019;**  
**Revised by Faculty Council 1-27-2020**

**Goal: To increase the number of faculty who are nominated for awards and honors nationally and internationally.**

1. To identify new and existing opportunities for faculty at every rank, and increase the number of faculty members at CWRU-SOM who receive awards/honors
2. To create a nomination process and assist faculty in determining if and when they should apply for various honors/awards
3. To recommend procedures for crafting materials including producing templates for some very important awards/honors



# Committee members

- Jim Young, CC
- Jennifer Baillit, CC
- Robert Bonomo, VA
- Lia Logio, SOM
- Tina Lining, SOM
- Lynn Singer, SOM, chair
- Bill Merrick, SOM
- Daniel Spratt, UH
- Jon Karn, SOM
- Kayla Moss, Dean's Office
- John Chae, NASEM
- Elizabeth Fehsenfeld, Dean's Office
- Shari Bolen, Metro



# SOM Awards Committee charge

## Meets monthly

1. Develop a searchable listing of honors and awards, eligibility, frequency, deadlines (to the extent possible)
2. Solicit nominations in conjunction with Department and Center Chairs
3. Review materials submitted; edits based on opportunity or knowledge of the field
4. Create a databank of materials for faculty to utilize as samples .
5. Honor roll



# Identified Barriers

- **Need for administrative assistance** (someone parallel to research/foundation awards)
- **Lack of knowledge** about individual achievements that have not already recognized for an award. This could be cumulative work or a single, ground breaking observation.
- Lack of knowledge about faculty membership in professional societies (working with FA for data to be included in FIS) as a large number of awards are society based.
- **Faculty not involved** in major professional societies: dues, etc., AAAS as example
- Timeline for submission vs. notification; often too late to submit, we are working on year later
- **Faculty modesty**, lack of willingness or time to create nomination; lack of understanding of need for engagement
- **Letter writers/nominators need to be cognizant of the discipline AND able to write an interesting letter.**
- Lack of diversity in identifying faculty

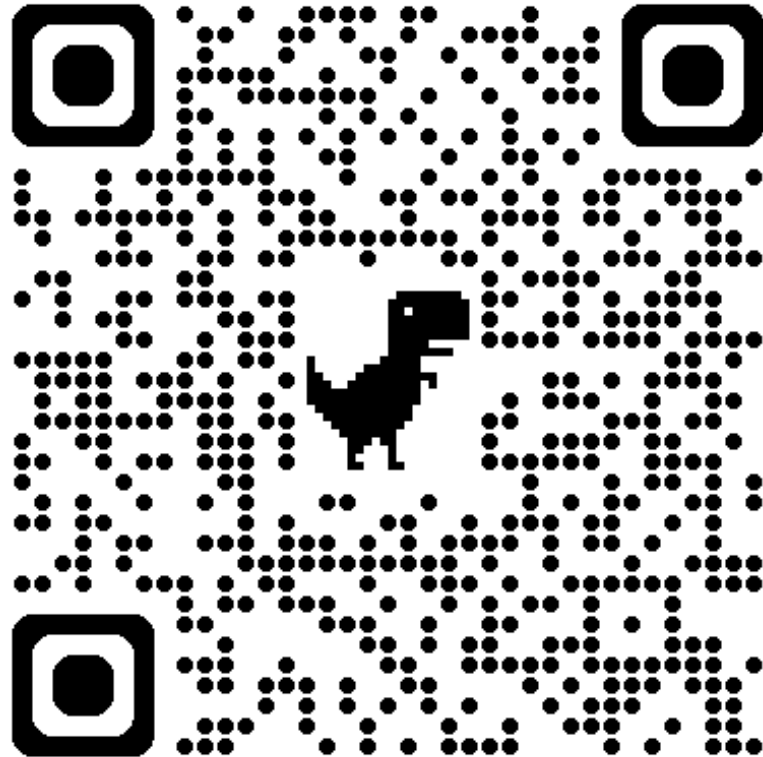


# Progress to date

- Developed **list of 100+** top awards (infinite number);
- **Identified top faculty** for eligibility based on Research.com, committee knowledge, Web of Science, etc.
- Committee members presented charge to constituent faculty at affiliates
- Vetting timelines for possible nominations
- Created **NASEM** committee chaired by John Chae.
- Identified >100 prizes, nominated>30.
- Encouraged membership in **AAAS, AAP-ASCI, ASMBMB, professional societies**
- **Website** created : [Faculty Awards | School of Medicine | School of Medicine | Case Western Reserve University](#)



# Website



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# AWARDEES



- **Cynthia Bearer**
- **Jonathan Karn\***
- **Witold Surewicz**
- **Tony Wynshaw-Boris**
- **Nicholas Ziats**
- **Karen Mulloy\***
- **Vincent Monnier**
- **Walter Boron**
- **Jacob Scott**
- **Paul Tesar**
- **Andrew Golden**



# **Awards with Nominations 2023 (N=7)**

- **Gairdner Foundation**
- **Foundation for NIH Lurie**
- **NY Academy of Sciences**
- **Albany**
- **Warren Alpert**
- **Blavatnik**
- **Nemmers**



# Awards with Nominations 2024 (N=21)

- Avery Prize ,Gairdner (renomination),Tang Prize
- ASBMB Parasitology, AAAS Fellow\*, AAMC Glaser
- Wolf , Warren Alpert, ASBMB Stadtman, Merkin (2 nominees), Kober medal, Szent-Gyorgi(2), Marian Spencer Fay (2)
- Switzer Maillard \*, Eppendorf\*, AAMC Research, ASBMB Kirschstein (2)
- McGill, Welch, AAP nominations (3), ASHG Lifetime



# Awards with Nominations 2025 (N=16)

- Drexel, Barancik , McGill, AAMC Research (renomination), Ochsner, AAMC Foreman, AAMC Research (renomination), Szent-Gyorgi (renomination)
- AAAS Fellow, AAP/ASCI, Merkin Prize (renomination), Riemann, BLASR , Myrto Lefkopoulou. AAAS Mentoring, CDC Fries, Harrington



# What can Faculty do?

- 1. Identify yourself or other faculty for specific awards**
- 2. Maintain memberships and leadership in appropriate professional societies**
- 3. Insure you identify professional memberships and awards in FIS and acknowledge in annual reviews**
- 4. Assist chairs and colleagues in writing letters of nomination; engage your emeriti to help**
- 5. Review awards on an ongoing basis well in advance of nomination submission**



# Findings and Recommendations

1. Few resources compared to other universities: often in **Provost/dean's offices; Recommend 1 FTE staff; professional letter writers; database manager.**
2. **Encourage faculty participation in and leadership possibilities in professional and scientific organizations.**
3. **Basic Science and Clinical chairs are critical**



# **Findings and Recommendations (cont'd)**

- 4. Annual solicitation from the dean's office in Fall for AAMC awards and AAAS Fellows;**
- 5. Annual solicitation from the dean's office Spring for AAP/ASCI nominations**
- 6. Possible subcommittees for AAP/ASCI and AAAS**
- 7. Dean appointments to committee to allow emeriti and include senior leaders.**



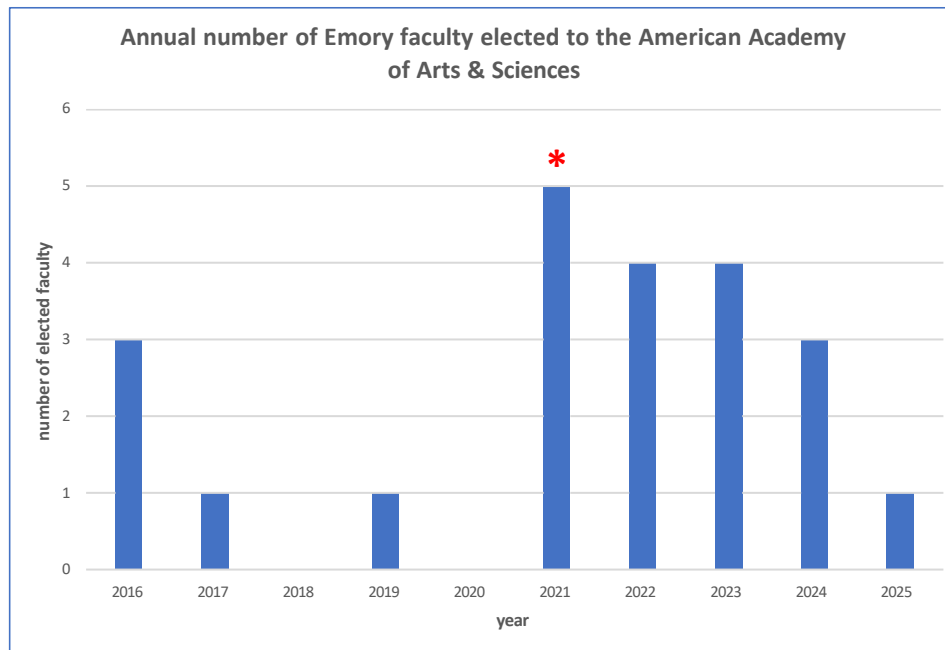
# Advice from 2 Universities

- Led by Provost office: staffing by FTE Associate provost and letter writer; works with P&T ; Marketing closely engaged; President's office priority and schools highly responsive; led by senior faculty Associate Provost who is engaged in societies as Fellow.
- Each year uses professional funds to enroll promising faculty in AAAS for several years, schools, departments fund other professional memberships. Emphasize: this is a long game.
- Ivy league, within SOM, restructured over 20 years ago as they recognized lack of visibility in awards. Created database; 1 FTE staff; PT admin asst; Senior faculty leader, committee meets 3 x a year to decide which awards. All work done by staff with faculty.

***“You need to play the long game.”***



# American Academy of Arts & Sciences



Average annual number of elected faculty, 2016-2020: 1.0

Average annual number of elected faculty, 2021-2025: 3.4

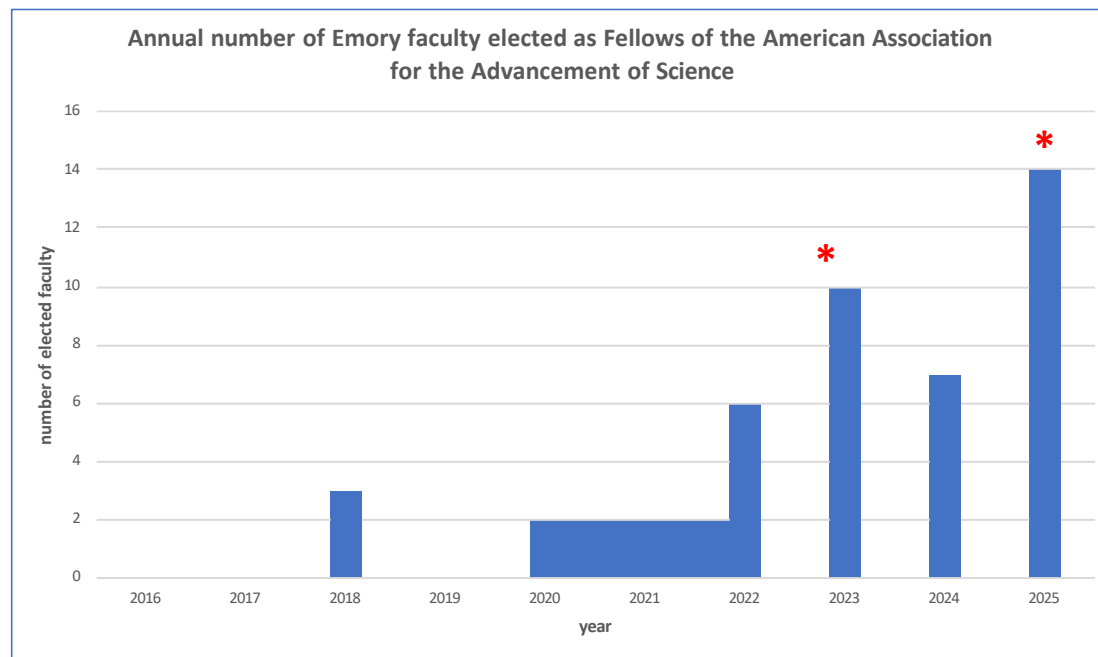
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**240% increase** in 2021-2025 vs 2016-2020



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# American Association for the Advancement of Science



Average annual number of elected faculty, 2016-2019: 1.3

Average annual number of elected faculty, 2020-2023: 4.8

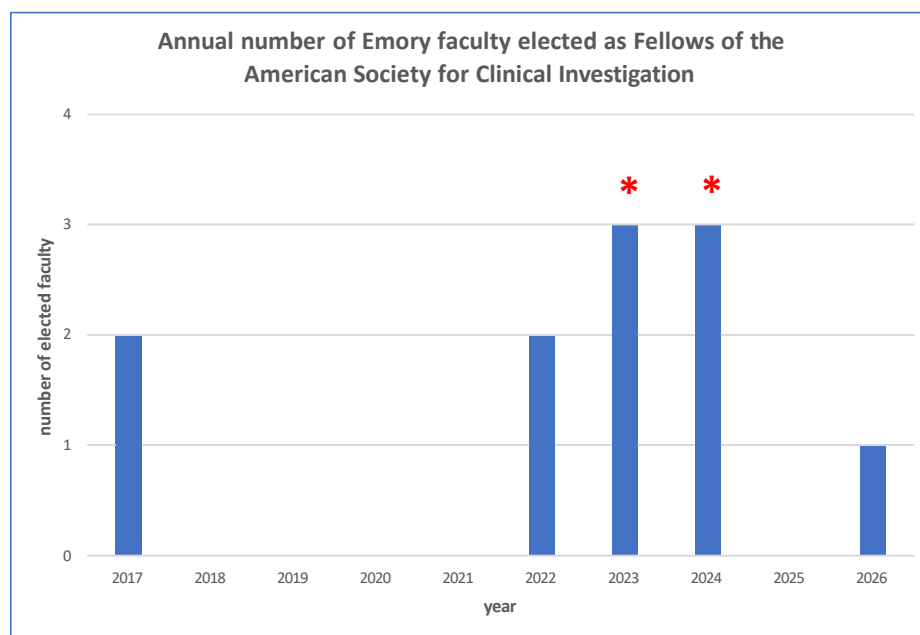
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**433% increase** in 2020-2025 vs 2016-2019



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# American Society for Clinical Investigation



Average annual number of  
elected faculty, 2017-2021: 0.4

Average annual number of  
elected faculty, 2022-2026: 1.8

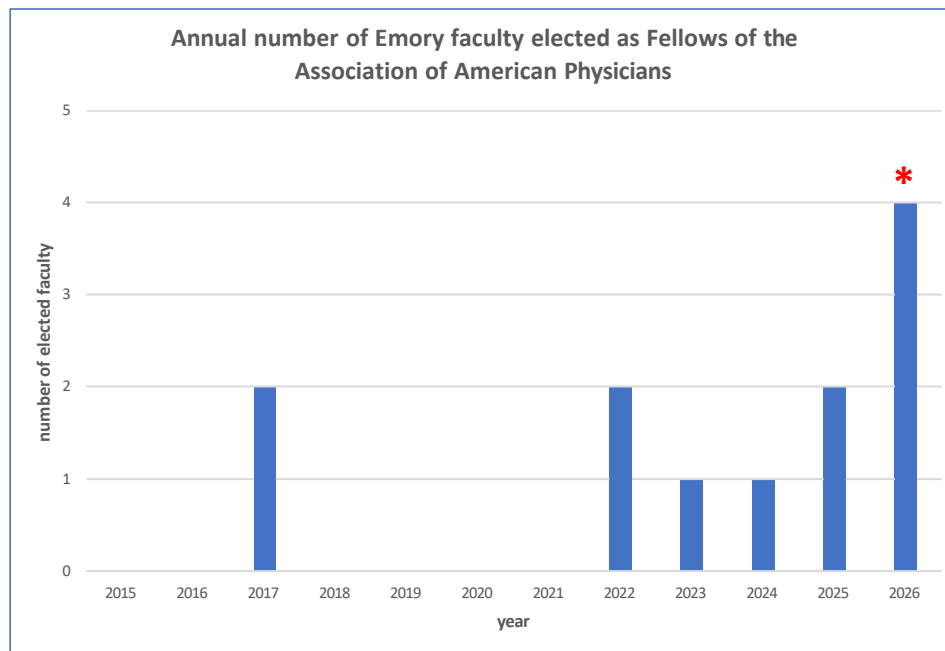
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**350% increase** in 2022-2026 vs 2017-2021



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# Association of American Physicians



Average annual number of  
elected faculty, 2015-2021: 0.29

Average annual number of  
elected faculty, 2022-2026: 2.0

\* – denotes Emory record

**600% increase** in 2022-2026 vs 2015-2021



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# Resolution

- **The Committee requests that the School of Medicine provide the committee administrative support sufficient to develop and maintain a robust as well as aspirational Awards and Honors program.**
- **The SOM and FC recommend the institution of a standing committee.**



# Acknowledgement

Thank you  
for  
listening!



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