

2024

THE **SZENT-GYÖRGYI**
PRIZE FOR PROGRESS
IN CANCER RESEARCH

Call for Nominations

Opens:

November 1, 2023

Deadline:

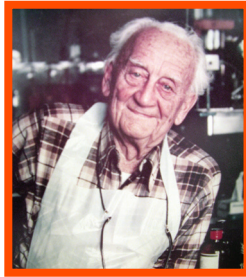
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National Foundation
for Cancer Research

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The Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research



The Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research is named in memory of our co-founder and Nobel Laureate Dr. Albert Szent-Györgyi to honor outstanding scientists who have expanded our understanding of cancer and cancer causation; whose vision has moved cancer research in new directions; and whose discoveries have led to advances in cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment.

Nominees must have made an original discovery or achieved a breakthrough in scientific understanding that has been developed, by them or others, for better prevention, earlier diagnosis, or new treatments for patients with cancer.

Nominations will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. The candidate is nominated for a seminal discovery or pioneering body of work that has contributed to cancer prevention, diagnosis, or treatment

and

2. The candidate's work has had a lasting impact on understanding cancer, holding the promise of improving or saving the lives of cancer patients.

Albert Szent-Györgyi, M.D., Ph.D. who was a pioneer, and, like many other explorers, he challenged the conventional thinking of the day to pursue his novel and promising ideas. After winning the Nobel Prize for his study on vitamin C and cell respiration, Dr. Szent-Györgyi set his sights on finding a way to defeat cancer.

Beyond his laboratory, Dr. Szent-Györgyi was a leading advocate for developing resources to provide scientists with the financial support necessary to pursue novel cancer research ideas. In 1973, he changed the face of cancer research funding by co-founding NCCR with entrepreneur Franklin C. Salisbury. Since then, NCCR has provided more than \$400 million in support of cancer research and prevention education programs.

“Cancer is a disease that can be cured...”

- Albert Szent-Györgyi, M.D., Ph.D.
1937 Nobel Laureate

The Szent-Györgyi Prize serves to stimulate continued investment in the pioneering research that will produce scientific breakthroughs. It intends to deepen the understanding of the underlying basis of cancer, and the translation of this knowledge to improve the lives for cancer patients. By calling attention annually to achievements in this area, it is the goal of the Szent-Györgyi Prize to heighten awareness of the research and discovery that leads to new cancer treatments and cancer cures.

The Prize also promotes public awareness of the importance of basic cancer research and the need to accelerate the translation of these research discoveries into new cancer treatments.



Nominations

Nominations for the Prize may be made by individuals from the research community, industry, government, or other organizations who are sufficiently familiar with the research accomplishments and contributions of the nominee. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

The Selection Committee encourages nominations of women and other underserved groups.

Typically, a single winner will be chosen, but in exceptional cases, two nominees may share the Prize.

All nominations will require the following documents:

- **A letter of recommendation (800 words or less) outlining the nominee's significant contributions to cancer research.** The letter should describe the impact that the nominee's research has had on our understanding of cancer and cancer causation, and how that knowledge has resulted, or can result, in strategies for preventing or treating cancer.
- **A simplified current curriculum vitae of the nominee;** ten (10) pages maximum.
- **A listing of fifteen of the nominee's most important published papers,** in the view of the nominator. No PDFs of the publications or press clippings, please.
- **Complete contact information of nominee** including cell phone.

To Submit Your Nomination:

- Nominations are submitted by an online form at www.NFCR.org/Prize-Nominate/
- Please submit all required documents.
- The Prize Selection Committee reviews all submissions.
- **NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 29, 2024.**

The Szent-Györgyi Prize Selection Committee

The Szent-Györgyi Prize Selection Committee has been established to advise and consult with the National Foundation for Cancer Research on each year's pool of Prize nominees.

The Committee considers the research history and contributions of each nominee, with special emphasis on the importance of the research featured in the nomination materials; the significance, originality, and impact of that research as well as the nominee's entire body of scientific contributions; each nominee's professional activities and publications as reflected in the curriculum vitae; and other relevant aspects of each nominee's career in research.

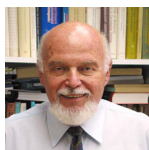
The Committee may combine two nominations (of a similar field) that were nominated separately. The Committee will only consider submitted nominations.

It will be the charge of the selection committee members to evaluate each candidate's accomplishments and provide a dispassionate narrative, not to serve as champions of the candidates.

The Prize Winner each year will serve as the selection chair of the Szent-Györgyi Prize Selection Committee for the following year. In case the Prize Winner is unable to serve as the incoming chair, the previous chair will serve as de facto chair of the new Committee.

National Foundation for Cancer Research
Attn: Szent-Györgyi Prize Selection Committee
5515 Security Lane, Suite 1105
Rockville, MD 20852, USA

The Szent-Györgyi Prize Recipients



2023 - Isaac P. Witz, Ph.D.
Tel Aviv University



2022 - Rakesh K. Jain, Ph.D.
Massachusetts General Hospital;
Harvard Medical School



2021 - Tak W. Mak, Ph.D. (left)
Princess Margaret Cancer Center;
University of Toronto



2021 - Mark M. Davis, Ph.D. (right)
Stanford University School of Medicine



2020 - Susan Band Horwitz, Ph.D.
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York



2019 - Steven A. Rosenberg, M.D., Ph.D.
National Cancer Institute



2018 - Douglas R. Lowy, M.D. (left)
National Cancer Institute
2018 - John T. Schiller, Ph.D. (right)
National Cancer Institute



2017 - Michael N. Hall, Ph.D.
Biozentrum of the University of Basel, Switzerland



2016 - Mary-Claire King, Ph.D.
University of Washington



2015 - Frederick W. Alt, Ph.D.
Harvard Medical School & Boston Children's Hospital

The Szent-Györgyi Prize Recipients



2014 - James P. Allison, Ph.D.

The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center,
Houston



2013 - Alex Matter, M.D.

Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR),
Singapore

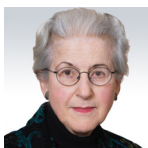


2012 - Zhen-Yi Wang, M.D. (left)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

2012 - Zhu Chen, M.D., Ph.D. (right)

Shanghai Jiao Tong University



2011 - Beatrice Mintz, Ph.D.

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia



2010 - Peter K. Vogt, Ph.D.

Scripps Research La Jolla



2009 - Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.

The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center,
Houston



2008 - Carlo M. Croce, M.D.

The Ohio State University, Columbus



2007 - Webster K. Cavenee, Ph.D.

Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, San Diego Branch;
University of California, San Diego



2006 - Harold F. Dvorak, M.D.

Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess
Medical Center, Boston



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The National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR) was established in 1973 to support innovative cancer research and public education relating to prevention, better diagnosis, new and more effective treatments, and ultimately cures for all types of cancer. NFCR promotes and facilitates collaboration among scientists to accelerate the pace of discovery from the laboratory bench to the patient bedside.

To date, NFCR has provided \$410 million in support of discovery-oriented basic research focused on understanding how and why cells become cancerous and on cancer prevention and translating these discoveries into therapies that hold great promise for curing cancer. NFCR is about *Making Cures Possible*—cures for *all* types of cancer.

For more information about the *Szent-Gyorgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research*, the Prize Winners and the Annual Prize Dinner and Award Ceremony held at our Global Summit and Award Ceremonies for Cancer Research & Entrepreneurship, please visit: www.NFCR.org/Szent-Gyorgyi-Prize/.

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