

THE **2024** SZENT-GYÖRGYI PRIZE FOR PROGRESS IN CANCER RESEARCH



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

OPENS: November 1, 2023
DEADLINE: February 29, 2024



National Foundation
for Cancer Research
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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.

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

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

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 NCFR with entrepreneur Franklin C. Salisbury and Tamara Salisbury. Since then, NCFR has provided \$410 million in support of cancer research and prevention education programs.

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.

The Prize recipient will receive a \$30,000 honorarium and be honored at **the 2024 Szent-Györgyi Prize Dinner and Award Ceremony on Friday, October 18, at The National Press Club in Washington, DC.**

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Prize may be made by nominators from the research community, industry, government, or other organizations who are sufficiently familiar with the research accomplishments and contributions of the nominee.

- The Selection Committee welcomes co-nominations of two individuals of a similar field.
- The Selection Committee encourages nominations of meritorious women and other individuals from underrepresented groups.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.

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.

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

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THE SZENT-GYÖRGYI PRIZE RECIPIENTS



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



Douglas R. Lowy, M.D.
2018 Co-Winner
National Cancer Institute



Rakesh K. Jain, Ph.D.
2022 Winner
Harvard Medical School & Massachusetts General Hospital



John T. Schiller, Ph.D.
2018 Co-Winner
National Institute Health



Mark M. Davis, Ph.D.
2021 Co-Winner
Stanford University School of Medicine



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



Tak W. Mak, Ph.D.
2021 Co-Winner
University of Toronto; Princess Margaret Cancer Centre



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



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



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



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

THE SZENT-GYÖRGYI PRIZE RECIPIENTS



**James P. Allison,
Ph.D.**
2014 Winner
*The University of Texas,
MD Anderson Cancer
Center, Houston*



Peter K. Vogt, Ph.D.
2010 Winner
*Scripps Research
La Jolla*



Alex Matter, M.D.
2013 Winner
*Agency for Science,
Technology and
Research(A*STAR),
Singapore*



**Ronald A. DePinho,
M.D.**
2009 Winner
*The University of Texas,
MD Anderson Cancer
Center, Houston*



**Zhen-Yi Wang,
M.D.**
2012 Co-Winner
*Shanghai Jiao Tong
University*



**Carlo M. Croce,
M.D.**
2008 Winner
*The Ohio State
University*



**Zhu Chen, M.D.,
Ph.D.**
2012 Co-Winner
*Shanghai Jiao Tong
University*



**Webster K. Cavenee,
Ph.D.**
2007 Winner
*University of California,
San Diego*



**Beatrice Mintz,
Ph.D.**
2011 Winner
*Fox Chase Cancer
Center, Philadelphia*



**Harold F. Dvorak,
M.D.**
2006 Winner
*Harvard Medical
School and
Beth Israel Deaconess
Medical Center, Boston*



The National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization co-founded in 1973 by Nobel Laureate Dr. Albert Szent-Györgyi that provides scientists in the lab the critical seed funding they need to make game-changing discoveries in cancer treatments, detection, prevention and ultimately, a cure. NFCR has distinguished itself in the cancer research sector by emphasizing “high-risk, high-impact” pioneering research fields often overlooked by other major funding sources. With the support of more than 5.3 million individual donors over the last 51 years, NFCR has provided \$410 million in funding to cancer research, prevention, and public education, leading to some of the life-saving discoveries that benefit patients today.

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/ or scan the QR code:



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