



Respiratory Health Awards FAQ

Program Overview

What is the purpose of the awards program?

The Respiratory Health Awards recognize outstanding contributions and achievements in pulmonary disease, critical care, and sleep health.

Who manages the awards?

The Awards Committee selects the annual recipient of the Trudeau Medal and other ATS awards presented during the International Conference awards sessions. The Committee also reviews and updates award selection criteria as needed and oversees the full ATS awards portfolio to prevent duplication and manage overlap. For more information regarding the Awards Committee, please visit the ATS Awards Committee webpage at:

<https://site.thoracic.org/membership/committees/awards-committee>

What types of awards are available?

There are eleven award categories. For more information about each award, visit the ATS awards webpage: <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/awards>.

Who can I contact for questions or support?

For questions or support, contact ATS staff member Miriam Rodriguez at mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

Eligibility and Nomination Rules

Who is eligible to be nominated?

- For seven of the eleven Respiratory Health Awards, nominees must be active ATS members in good standing.
- For four of the Respiratory Health Awards, nominees do not need to be ATS members, but they should be part of the pulmonary, critical care, or sleep community.
- To review the eligibility criteria for each award, please visit the ATS awards webpage at: <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/awards>

Can teams be nominated, or only individuals?

Only individuals may be nominated; team nominations are not accepted.

Can someone be nominated more than once?

A nominator may submit one application per nominee.

How do I nominate someone?

All nominations must be submitted electronically through the Open Water platform. Links can be found on the ATS website at: <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/awards>

Who can submit a nomination?

Any ATS member may submit a nomination. Awards Committee members may not nominate, be nominated, or support nominations for the Respiratory Health Awards.

Can I nominate myself?

Self-nominations are not accepted. If you are interested in being nominated and need assistance, please contact your assembly chair.

What information is required in the nomination form?

- Nominee contact information, including a CV
- Nominator contact information
- Code of Conduct statement confirming the nominee's adherence to the ATS Code of Conduct
- Diversity statement briefly summarizing the nominee's contributions to diversity
- One nomination letter explaining the nominee's impact in the field and why they merit the award
- Optional supporter information for up to five supporters

Is there a limit to the number of nominations I can submit?

Members may submit multiple nominations in different award categories, but only one application may be submitted per nominee.

Can I edit a nomination after submission?

Once submitted, a nomination is considered final and cannot be edited. If an urgent change is required, please contact ATS staff for assistance.

Can I withdraw a nomination after submission?

A nomination may be withdrawn at any time by contacting ATS staff via email.

How many letters can I submit per nomination?

You can submit one nomination letter per award. The Awards committee is interested in the nominee's impact in their field and why they are deserving of the award.

How many supporting signatures can be submitted?

You may add a maximum of 5 supporting signatures.

Does every application require a patient letter?

No, only the Outstanding Clinician Award requires a patient letter.

The Outstanding Clinician must be a pulmonary, critical care or sleep clinician who spends 75 percent or more of his/her time providing direct patient care. **For academic clinicians: A physician*

who spends more than 25% of his/her time on research (e.g. several R01 grants) or administration (e.g. division head, director of critical care) is not eligible and will not be considered.

Review and Selection Process

How are nominations evaluated?

The Awards Committee aims to provide a holistic, fair review of all nominations.

What qualities or achievements are reviewers looking for?

Reviewers consider the nominee's impact on the field and why the nominee is deserving of the award. The nomination letter should clearly describe the nominee's contributions to human health and to the advancement of pulmonary, critical care, and/or sleep medicine.

Who reviews and selects the winners?

The ATS Awards Committee reviews nominations and selects awardees.

How are awards committee members selected?

Awards Committee members are appointed by the ATS president-elect.

Is the review process confidential?

Yes. Nominee names and application materials are kept confidential.

How are ties handled?

During live meeting scoring if there is a tie the winner will be determined by their initial scores

What is the process for reviewing nominations?

Every nomination is reviewed by the Committee in two rounds to provide a thorough and equitable review.

- **Round 1:** Primary and secondary reviewers are assigned to review and score all nominations received. A cut line is established in each award category.
- **Round 2:** A primary reviewer presents the nomination at the committee review meeting. The committee discusses the nomination, and committee members then score it.

Award Benefits and Recognition

What do winners receive (e.g., cash, trophy, recognition)?

- Complimentary ATS conference registration
- Round-trip airfare to the conference
- Two-night stay at the ATS headquarters hotel
- Per diem for two days
- Ground transportation to and from the airport
- Crystal award

Are runners-up or nominees recognized?

No. Runners-up and nominees are not recognized but invited to re-submit the nomination in next year's cycle to be considered.

How will awardees be announced (event, email, intranet, etc.)?

Awardees are announced through several channels, including the ATS conference, social media, newsletters, conference publications, and the ATS website.

Fairness, Confidentiality, and Status Updates

How is fairness ensured in the selection process?

Fairness is supported through a structured, impartial review process. The ATS Awards Committee evaluates nominations holistically and equitably, and all materials are kept strictly confidential. Committee members must disclose any conflicts of interest before reviewer assignments are made, and they may not nominate, be nominated, or support nominations for the Respiratory Health Awards.

How are conflicts of interest managed?

Conflicts of interest are managed through disclosure and recusal procedures. Committee members must disclose any potential conflicts before reviewer assignments are made to support impartial evaluation.

Are nominators informed of submission status?

Yes. Nominators receive a final status update indicating whether the nomination was selected for an award.

Where can I find the nomination form?

The nomination form is available on the ATS awards webpage:

<https://site.thoracic.org/membership/awards>.

What happens if I miss the nomination deadline?

Late submissions will not be accepted.