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Future Vision Foundation Award

The Future Vision Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Future Vision Award. The deadline for receipt of nomination materials is March 1, 2019. The Foundation seeks the nomination (including self-nomination) of individuals whose work in the visual sciences has made a significant contribution to the understanding, treatment, or prevention of blindness and vision related conditions. Nominations should showcase breakthrough advances in basic medical research, clinical research, device development, diagnostic advances, or public health/epidemiology. A distinguished jury committee will review up to 10 finalists to select three Future Vision Awards recipients to be recognized and honored at an Awards ceremony to be held on November 2, 2019 at the Cleveland Museum of Art in Cleveland, Ohio.

Invitation

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination to be recognized as a Laurette of the 2019 Future Vision Award. The Future Vision Award celebrates individuals whose work in the visual sciences has made a significant contribution to the understanding, treatment, or prevention of blindness and vision related conditions. Advances in vision research, treatment and practice can make a difference. The Future Vision Award showcases these such advances through powerful documentaries of discovery, impact and hope.

Up to three awardees will be selected based on innovation, novelty, significance, and potential or realized benefits. The Future Vision Foundation will produce a documentary film for each laureate which will premiere at the Future Vision Award medal presentation and gala. In addition to receiving the Future Vision medal and honoraria, each Awardee will receive unlimited rights to their documentary film to raise awareness and foster development to support and encourage future vision research.

We believe these stories of discovery in vision and the visual sciences will raise awareness, foster support for research, inspire others to share their progress, and help accelerate tomorrow's cures that help people see. We all benefit when we share powerful stories of innovation and discovery that help people see.

We invite you to share this nomination request widely with colleagues who wish to laud the pioneering work of contemporary vision scientists. The nomination process is detailed below. I look forward to seeing you at the Future Vision Gala and Award Ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suber S. Huang MD, MBA". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Suber S. Huang, MD, MBA
President/CEO Future Vision Foundation

Future Vision Award

The Future Vision Award (FVA) honors individuals whose work exemplifies innovation, discovery, novelty, and potential impact to alleviate suffering from visual disability and blindness. Research will be considered in broad areas which encompass basic visual science research that opens new fields of study, diagnostic advances which reveal new understanding about vision or disease, new devices that address a significant unmet need, and late stage clinical research. The FVA is restricted to scientists and clinicians working in the United States and Canada. The Future Vision Foundation welcomes nominations of women, minorities, and early career researchers who have made significant contributions to our understanding of vision and visual science.

The Award will consist of the Future Vision Award Medal, an honorarium, and rights to use the documentary film created about the recipient's work to raise awareness and foster philanthropy of their research. The Medal will be inscribed with the recipient's name and the motto *E luce vita* – from light, life. The Medal will feature the Foundation logo of intertwined olive branches and double helix reaching upward and towards each other - symbolizing peace, life, collaboration, and the journey to discovery.

Future Vision Award Nomination Instructions

General

The deadline for receipt of nomination and all supporting materials will be March 1, 2019. All documents should be submitted electronically via email. You may nominate only one individual but other individuals at your institution may nominate other suitable candidates. Only ten finalists will be judged for final award. Finalists not selected will not be automatically be carried forward for reconsideration in future years.

Nomination letters and Letter of Recommendation (LOR) should be saved in Microsoft word (.docx) in 10 point sans serif font as a single document with the following format:

FVA2019 Document type RecipientLastName_First Name -Nominators Last Name_First name

Example: FVA2019 Curie_Marie – Pauling_Linus

FVA2019 LOR Curie_Marie – Yalow_Rosalyn

Nominator Letter Instructions

The nomination letter should have the following format and sub-headings

1. **Brief Citation** (40 words or less) - Why is the nominee's work worthy of consideration?
2. **Synopsis** (160 words or less) – What are the nominee's contributions to this work?
3. **Summary** (750 words or less) – What aspects of this work are innovative, novel, and have the greatest potential to impact the lives of patients? What noteworthy achievements support this individual's candidacy for this award?
4. **Recognition List** – Please list other clinician/scientists who you believe should be considered for the Future Vision award. For each name briefly state why you believe this candidate is worthy. Your response will help the award jury identify individuals whose work is broadly recognized by leaders in the field. You must submit at least one name. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete nomination.

Nominee Checklist and Instructions

Documents be saved in Microsoft word (.docx) in 10 point sans serif font with the following format:

FVA2019 Document Type Nominee LastName_First Name

Example: FVA2019 Biosketch McClintock_Barbara

FVA2019 Publications McClintock_Barbara

FVA2019 LOS List McClintock_Barbara

The Nominee should provide the following directly to the committee by email

1. **Biosketch** - A one-page narrative biosketch including awards, honors, and special recognition
2. **Publications** – The candidate should supply a one-page list of five (5) peer reviewed publications that support the nomination letter and consideration as significant progress in research or clinical care. Each may be annotated to provide a single sentence to highlight the significance of the work. Please do not send reprints.
3. **Letters of Support List (LOS List)** – The nominee should supply a list of individuals who will be submitting letters of support to the Future Vision Foundation. The list should provide all available contact information including name, titles, address, email, preferred phone contact, and fax number. The nominee is responsible for requesting up to 5 letters of recommendation and ensuring that they are received by the application deadline of March 1, 2019.

Individuals Providing Letter of Support (LOS)

Documents be saved in Microsoft word (.docx) in 10-point sans serif font with the following format:

FVA2019 Document Type Nominee LastName_First Name – Recommender Last Name_First Name

Example: FVA2019 LOS McClintock_Barbara – Greider_Carol

The letter of support should address why the nominee’s work is significant, what aspects are novel, innovative, or represent new discovery, who may benefit most from this work, and the future potential to alleviate suffering from vision loss.

The instructions are also available on the Future Vision Foundation website: www.futurevisionfound.org

Delivery Instructions and Contact Information

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