

2025 Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP, MACR Award

AWARD & NOMINATION GUIDELINES

AWARD OVERVIEW

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to lupus research over the course of her long career, the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. established the Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP, MACR Award given annually to a clinical or basic researcher whose body of work has advanced understanding of the pathophysiology, etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis, or treatment of lupus.

Evelyn V. Hess, MD, MACP, MACR, was an internationally known expert in lupus with a special interest in the environmental aspects of lupus. Dr. Hess began her training at University College in Dublin, Ireland, and completed her internships and residencies in London. She began teaching at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine, in the Division of Internal Medicine/Immunology, in 1965 and was the Director of the Division of Immunology from 1965 to 1995.

She was the recipient of a College of Medicine endowed chair and held the McDonald Professorship at the University. She was awarded the University of Cincinnati Drake Medal in 2001 for distinguished service to the College. The University has also recognized her by establishing a fund for the Evelyn V. Hess Chair in Rheumatology to support faculty and fellow salaries for research and education in rheumatic diseases in the Division of Immunology/Rheumatology at the College of Medicine.

Candidates for this award must meet the following criteria:

- Have a MD or PhD.
- Have an established career of outstanding achievement in basic or clinical research in lupus.
- Have an academic appointment at the level of Professor or its academic equivalent.
- Have been in the lupus research field for at least 15 years.
- The following LFA Medical Advisors CANNOT be nominated for this award:
 - Dr. Brad Rovin, MD, FACP, FASN
 - Dr. Susan Manzi, MD, MPH
 - Dr. Joan Merrill, MD

The awardee is required to attend the Lupus Foundation of America's Evelyn V. Hess Awards Reception at the 2025 American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. Posthumous nominations will not be considered.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination form is [available online](#). The following information will be requested in the form:

- **Section I:** The nominator's contact information.
- **Section II:** The nominee's contact information.
- **Section III:** Nominee Qualifications which includes brief statement (less than 300 words) highlighting the most important accomplishments and contributions of the nominee to the field of lupus.
- **Section IV:** Additional comments that provide additional information (less than 300 words) about reasons beyond their contributions to the field that they might be deserving of the award.
- **Section V:** The nominee's NIH biosketch or equivalent.
- **Section VI:** The nominator's electronic signature.

Please do not submit any additional materials not listed in these guidelines, as they will not be considered. Note that nomination materials will not be accepted by U.S. mail.

Nominations are due by Friday, July 25th at 5pm EST

Nomination Form Link: https://lupus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8e9PMSXex73hRMa

AWARD INFORMATION

The winner will receive a personal award in the amount of \$5,000 USD. He or she will also be honored during the Lupus Foundation of America's Evelyn V. Hess Awards Reception at the 2025 American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL and will have the opportunity to give a brief acceptance speech.

QUESTIONS

For questions, please contact Jaren Crump at crump@lupus.org