



Award FAQs David C. Leach Award

Why did the ACGME establish the David C. Leach Award?

In an effort to honor the former Executive Director of the ACGME (1997-2007), David C. Leach, MD, and his contributions to resident education and well-being, the ACGME created this award in 2008, with the first recipients in 2010. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contribution to graduate medical education.

Who is eligible?

- residents or fellows
- faculty and residents or fellows
- multidisciplinary teams (that include faculty and residents/fellows/allied health professionals/others) that feature resident/fellow involvement

Who may nominate?

- program directors
- designated institutional officials (DIOs)
- Review Committees
- residency coordinators

How do I make a nomination?

Download the application form from the ACGME website, complete it, and submit it along with support letters and curriculum vitae. All materials (application form, support letters, and curriculum vitae) must arrive by e-mail in **one** PDF. To do this, assemble all materials and scan. The resulting PDF can then be e-mailed. **Material received in piecemeal will not be accepted.** If you have any questions, contact DeLonda Dowling: ddowling@acgme.org or 312.755.5059).

What is the deadline for nominations?

The deadline is **Friday, March 18, 2016, and all nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. Central.** Nominations received after that date/time will not be accepted.

How many nominees receive the award?

Five residents or teams will be selected.

What is awarded?

A \$2,500 cash award and a plaque.

- If a team wins, they will share the cash award and the team will receive one plaque. The team leader and their guest will travel, courtesy of ACGME to the Annual Educational Conference.

- If an individual wins, they and their guest will receive the entire award and a plaque and travel, courtesy of the ACGME, to the Annual Educational Conference.

When will the award winners be announced?

Selections will be made by the ACGME Awards Committee at its September 2016 meeting; afterwards, ACGME CEO Dr. Thomas J. Nasca will notify recipients. The recipients will be acknowledged at the February 2017 ACGME Annual Educational Conference. Award announcements will be published in a press release, the *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*, and the ACGME *e-Communication*, as well as on the ACGME website.