

Award FAQs
David C. Leach, MD Award



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Background

Why did the ACGME establish the David C. Leach, MD 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 slated for 2010. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contribution to graduate medical education.

What is the deadline for nominations?

We are not currently accepting applications. The application deadline for 2010 has passed. Deadlines and the application form for 2011 nominations will be posted in the next few months.

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
- DIOs
- RRCs
- residency coordinators

What are the criteria?

- the resident/fellow (or resident/fellow team) will have demonstrated excellence in GME in at least one of the five following areas:
 - fostering innovation and improvement in the learning environment
 - increasing the program's emphasis on educational outcomes
 - increasing efficiency and reducing non-educational burden in the program
 - improving communication and collaboration in education and patient care within the program and/or institution
 - advancing humanism in the patient care environment and among care givers

Examples of the above may include:

- a house officer and residency coordinator who have designed an innovative method to improve the program's evaluation system
- a program director and chief resident with extraordinary vision for curriculum design and teaching
- a house officer who has developed and implemented an improved system of communicating within the program
- a team of faculty, residents and others collaborating to identify and assess educational outcomes for the program
- programs that promote resident well-being
- a team that improves patient care processes and implements sustainable patient-centered care changes
- a house officer or resident team that uses poems, music, or art to teach the skills of the heart (courage, honesty, humility) and self-reflection to improve patient care and resident well-being

When will the award winners be notified?

- Award winners for 2010 will be notified by letter in mid-late September 2009.
- Announcements will also be posted on the ACGME website.

How many awards will be given?

- Five residents or teams will be awarded a \$2500 cash award and a plaque.
 - If a team wins, they will share the cash award and the team will receive one plaque—each individual on the team will receive an award certificate. 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 awards be presented?

- Awards will be presented at the Annual Educational Conference of the ACGME in Nashville, Tennessee.