American College of Radiology
Criteria and Procedures for the Gold Medal Award

1. The Gold Medal can be awarded by the Board of Chancellors to radiologists, radiation oncologists, medical physicists, and other distinguished scientists for distinguished and extraordinary service to the American College of Radiology or to the discipline of radiology. Service to radiology can be in teaching, basic research, clinical investigation, or radiologic statesmanship, such as outstanding contributions in work with the ACR, other medical organizations, governmental agencies and quasi-medical organizations.

2. An award “cycle” is defined as the time from the July 1 nomination deadline (initial or renewal) until the distribution of the actual awards and will be named for the award distribution year (e.g. nomination July 1 deadline in 2024 for the 2025 award cycle).

3. Nominations are submitted in writing by any member or fellow of the College, giving in detail the nominee’s qualifications for the award, and must be accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee. In addition, there must be letters of support for each nominee from at least two sponsoring College members or fellows. Letters should not come from members who are in the same practice as the candidate. The primary nominator is responsible for initiating the submission of letters of support. A nominee will be considered posthumously if he/she dies after nomination, submission/completion before the July 1 deadline (year before the award).

4. An individual member or fellow of the College can act only once each year as primary nominator or sponsor, i.e., an individual member or fellow cannot be primary nominator for one nominee and sponsor for another, or act in either capacity for more than one individual each year. Members who sponsored a reactivated candidate are eligible to write a letter sponsoring a new candidate.

5. Members on the Committee on Awards and Honors, members on the Board of Chancellors, the Chief Executive Officer and staff of the College are ineligible to act as primary nominators or sponsors nor submit letters of nomination or support. If a letter of support is submitted by a member prior to him/her being appointed to the committee or elected to the BOC, the letter will be accepted as part of the nomination materials.


7. Letters of nomination and sponsorship are to be sent to the Chair of the Committee on Awards and Honors, awardsandhonorscommittee@acr.org, by July 1. The submitted material will then be duplicated and sent to the members of the committee.

8. The Committee on Awards and Honors makes its recommendations to the Board of Chancellors, submitting no more than three names. The method of voting and establishing the order of preference is to be determined by the committee.
9. The determination of the award of the Gold Medal is by vote of the Board of Chancellors at its fall meeting. No more than three such awards may be made each cycle, except possibly for a rare, unusual occasion. However, in any cycle there may be fewer than three or even none.

10. Current officers and members of the Board of Chancellors are ineligible for the Gold Medal nomination.

11. If the committee does not recommend a nominee for award of the Gold Medal, the primary nominator may request that the nomination be renewed for the following cycle, with additional supporting information allowed but not required. Such requests must be received by July 1 following the non-recommendation to be considered for the second cycle.

12. If no request for renewal is made, or the nominee is not recommended for the award on renewed nomination in the second cycle, the candidate is ineligible for nomination for two cycles following their last cycle of nomination (e.g. not recommended for cycle year 2025, candidate is ineligible for cycles 2026 and 2027, but is eligible for cycle 2028 with nomination due by July 1, 2027).

13. The award is to be presented at the ACR Convocation.