

A. Clifford Barger Underrepresented Minority Mentorship Award

Application Instructions

Nominations are due by September 15. More information can be found at www.the-aps.org/barger.

Nominations for the A. Clifford Barger Underrepresented Minority Mentorship Award must include the following:

1. A nomination letter (maximum 5 pages) stating the basis for nomination with a synopsis of the nominee's scientific contributions, teaching and mentoring skills with a particular focus on underrepresented minority (URM) trainees (based on the [National Institutes of Health](#) definition of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups) at all educational levels, and evidence related to the specific evaluation criteria, including:
 - a. Scientific or teaching contributions:
 - i. Evidence of scientific productivity (publications, grants, awards)
 - ii. Evidence of undergraduate and graduate teaching contributions
 1. Receipt of local and national teaching and service awards
 2. Development and sharing of innovative teaching methods
 - b. Mentoring skills with particular focus on URM trainees (undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, professional, etc.)
 - i. Professional activities and undertakings directed at promoting the development of URM trainees;
 - ii. Work with current trainees
 1. Activities directed to help trainees gain research funding or job placement
 2. Providing support and encouragement for trainees in preparing for life and success in the scholarly community
 3. Publications and presentations of trainees while they were directly working for the nominee
 - c. Evidence of continued interest in trainees' career development
 - i. Success of the nominee's former trainees in terms of research, teaching, or other career activities
 - ii. Publications and presentations of former trainees
 - d. Continued interest in past trainees' professional advancement and evidence of life-long mentoring
2. A list of current and former trainees (undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral fellows, and those employed in all areas such as clinical, government, industry, etc.), URM status of trainees, training dates, their current positions, and any special accomplishments, awards or honors they received.
3. Support letters (maximum 2 pages each)
 - a. Letters must be collected by the nominator and uploaded by the nominator at the APS awards site.

- b. The nominator must submit a minimum of 4 letters and a maximum of 7 support letters in addition to the primary nomination letter.
 - i. Support letters may come from a variety of sources, including but not limited to colleagues and trainees (past and present students and postdocs, past and present colleagues).
 - ii. At least 4 support letters should come from current/past URM trainees.
 - iii. The strongest applications have letters of support from colleagues and trainees from a variety of institutions.
4. Nominee's current (up to date) curriculum vitae, listing honors and awards, professional positions, grants (current and past support), publications, professional service and teaching activities.
5. The nomination packet should be submitted online by the nominator at <https://apps.the-aps.org/awardapps/login/>.

Specific documents to be uploaded on the APS Awards website (to be submitted in PDF format);
ALL documents must be submitted by the nominator. It is the nominator's responsibility to gather information from the nominee and those writing support letters.

1. Primary nomination letter
2. List of trainees and their major awards and accomplishments
3. Curriculum vitae of the nominee
4. List of those writing support letters with professional affiliation and contact information
5. Support letters (minimum of 4; maximum of 7) which must include at least four letters from current or former URM trainees