A. Clifford Barger Underrepresented Minority Mentorship Award
Application Instructions

Nominations are due by September 15th. 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 and/or teaching contributions, mentoring skills with a particular focus on URM trainees (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 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 psychological support, encouragement, and essential strategies for life in the scholarly community to trainees
         3. Publications and presentations of current trainees
   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
      i. Participation in graduate education activities
      ii. Success as a role model

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 may submit up to 7 support letters in addition to the primary nomination letter. At least four support letters must be submitted and a minimum of three letters must be from current or former URM trainees.
i. Support letters may come from a variety of sources, including but not limited to colleagues and trainees (former and present students and postdocs, past and present colleagues) and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. No more than 3 letters can be from colleagues, with the remainder from current or former trainees.
2. Trainee/former trainee letters should be from individuals who are at a variety of institutions that are different from the nominee.
3. At least 24 of the trainee letters should be from URM trainees/former trainees.

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 www.the-aps.org/awardapps.

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 who will be submitting support letters
5. Support letters (minimum of 4; maximum of 7) which must include at least four letters from current or former URM trainees.