

Basmajian Award FAQ's

What is considered the formative stage of one's career?

A: Within 10 years of the date of the highest earned degree at the time of nomination.

Is the Basmajian Award a teaching performance award?

A: No. While demonstrated and documented excellence in teaching is a requirement, the nominee must also demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in service and scholarly activity, e.g., bench, clinical, and/or educational research or other scholarly contributions.

What is considered demonstrated and documented excellence in teaching?

A: The generally accepted and utilized measures of teaching success, e.g., student, peer and/or administrative evaluations, intramural and/or extramural teaching awards or recognitions.

What is considered outstanding accomplishment in research or other scholarship?

A: There are no strict criteria for this. However, nominees are expected to have a demonstrated publishing track record in their area of excellence, e.g., multiple publications in peer-reviewed journals, textbooks, book chapters, lab manuals, multimedia medical education software, resource preparations, innovative curricular development/presentations (especially for laboratory teaching). Also, awards such as funded grants and patents, and administrative appointments such as course directorships, are evidence of accomplishment. The nominees should have presented their work at national meetings and should be becoming well known to the extramural professional community.

Who may nominate an individual for the Basmajian Award?

A: Any AAA member may nominate an individual for the award. Self-nominations are allowed from AAA members as well, though a letter of recommendation from another individual is required on the nomination form.

Must a nominee be a member of the AAA?

A: No. While the AAA encourages membership, that is not a qualifying condition for nomination or selection. The recipient will receive 2 years free membership in AAA regardless of membership status at the time of the nomination.

Must a nominee be in a tenure track/tenured position to earn the award?

A: No. Non-tenure track individuals are equally eligible for the award, as long as they meet all the described criteria for the award.

