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Dear Colleague,

Nominations are now being accepted for the 29th annual Alton Ochsner Award Relating Smoking and Disease. Complete details explaining the criteria for submitting a nomination can be found in the information sheet attached. All nominations must be made online to Ochsner at AOSRA@ochsner.org. The Award is named for Doctor Alton Ochsner, the founder of our institution, who was the first to associate smoking with lung cancer. We are deeply gratified that this award has continued to generate attention over the years. We hope that this scholarly activity will remain of strong interest in its goal to conquer the devastating health problems that continue to be related to needless tobacco consumption.

We welcome all nominees for any candidate whom you believe should be honored for his or her outstanding scientific achievements relating the role of tobacco consumption to the pathogenesis of disease. Please forward your on-line submission. Nominations must be received no later than March 31, 2014, following the guidelines as set forth in the accompanying announcement. Previous recipients of the Alton Ochsner Award are listed on the reverse side of this letter. If you have any questions regarding submissions, please contact my office at 504-842-3700, or send an e-mail to AOSRA@ochsner.org.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Frohlich, MD

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Attachment
Purpose:
An annual award of $15,000 will be presented to one to three investigators without regard to age, race, gender, or nationality for outstanding and exemplary original scientific investigations that relate tobacco consumption with disease. This scientific work may be clinical, fundamental, epidemiological or prevention in scope. The prime criterion for award selection is its scientific context and impact on this major health threat. All nominations, whatever the category of scientific inquiry, must be supported by letters and copies of peer-reviewed scientific publications as detailed below.

Institutional Sponsor:
Ochsner Clinic Foundation

Nominations:
Nominations must be made by a letter that describes in detail, but concisely, the scientific work and major contributions of the investigator to the field. Self-nominations are excluded. All nominations must include and be supported by: (1) the candidate’s curriculum vitae (containing an active mailing address, office telephone and cellular telephone numbers, and e-mail address, and bibliography; (2) at least two additional supporting letters of recommendation by scientific peers from outside the candidate’s institution; and (3) reprints of at least three pertinent major scientific contributions. The Award Committee is now accepting nominations and supporting material in PDF format only by e-mail sent to Ochsner at AOSRA@ochsner.org. Documents submitted in a format other than PDF by e-mail will not be considered. No books or bound journals will be accepted with the nomination. Each nominee will be restricted to a one three year term; and the candidate must wait at least two years before being proposed again. Any nominees not receiving the Award will automatically be considered for the two remaining years. Submission of additional supporting letters and updated materials are strongly recommended.

Deadline for Nominations:
Nominations must be submitted via e-mail as attached documents in PDF format, e-mailed to AOSRA@ochsner.org no later than March 31, 2014.

Endorsed by:
The American College of Chest Physicians

Presentation of Award:
The Award will be presented in person, at a special Symposium at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans in the Fall of 2014.

If you have any questions regarding submissions please contact the office of Edward D. Frohlich, MD, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, (504) 842-3700 or send an e-mail to AOSRA@ochsner.org.