Announcement

To recognize significant accomplishment and outstanding promise in cancer research, Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the 2017 competition for the Class of ’61 Cancer Research Award. This annual Award recognizes significant accomplishment in cancer research at Yale University by a young member of the faculty, coupled with the expectation for future outstanding contributions to our understanding of the causes of cancer and to the development of novel cancer treatments. The annual Prize, established through the generosity of the Yale College Class of 1961, will provide unrestricted funds to support the winner’s cancer research at Yale. Nominees must be an independent Yale faculty member age 45 or less, with accomplishments documented by published papers and awarded grants in any area of cancer research including seminal investigations into basic cancer biology, important translational or clinical studies, or critical population science studies. The winner will be selected by senior leaders of Yale Cancer Center, and the Award winner will be announced by the end of 2017.

Guidelines

1. Candidates must be members of Yale Cancer Center and no older than 45 years old on December 31, 2017.
2. Nominations must be received at YCC by October 16, 2017.
3. Candidates will be nominated by YCC Program Leaders, other Cancer Center members, or may self-nominate.
4. Each nomination should be accompanied by a current CV. The five most important cancer research papers published by the candidate as an independent faculty member should be highlighted on the CV and accompanied by a brief description of the importance of each of these papers.
5. PDFs of these five papers should be provided with the nomination.
6. Candidates will provide a one-page summary of future cancer research plans.
7. The candidates should suggest the names of three scientists familiar with his or her cancer research contributions. At least two of these referees must be outside Yale, and none can be from a former research mentor. The candidate should not contact the referees directly.
8. The winner will be selected by the senior leadership of Yale Cancer Center and announced to the Yale community and the media by the end of 2017.
9. The Prize winner will present his or her research at Cancer Center Grand Rounds.
10. The winner will provide a brief written summary of his or her work, which will be distributed to Class of 1961 leadership, and is expected to make an in-person presentation to the Class.
11. The funds must be expended within two years of award. In the event the winner leaves Yale before the funds are completely expended, unexpended funds will be returned to Yale Cancer Center to be used at the discretion of the Yale Cancer Center Director.

Please send all inquiries and nomination materials to Dan DiMaio at daniel.dimaio@yale.edu.