



## George Blackburn Research Mentorship Award Instructions

The George Blackburn Research Mentorship Award recognizes nutrition leaders for their achievements as outstanding research mentors. Named in honor of Dr. George Blackburn, this award celebrates his commitment and generosity to the ASPEN Rhoads Research Foundation and honors his academic and research mentorship.

Recipients will be awarded each year during a Foundation event at the ASPEN annual conference.

### Criteria

- The nominee must be at least 10 years into his/her research and/or academic career.
- The nominee's research focus should relate to clinical nutrition, metabolism, and/or nutrition support.
- The nominee must be a member of ASPEN
- The nominee must be an effective mentor

### Nomination Instructions

To nominate a candidate for the George Blackburn Research Mentorship Award, please complete the online form and include the following additional materials as attachments in one merged PDF document:

1. Two nomination or supporting letters outlining the nominee's research mentoring activities. Letters should describe the following qualities that make the nominee an outstanding research mentor:
  - a. Highlight research accomplishments.
  - b. How the mentor has actively encouraged inquiry, innovation, and created opportunities for trainees to conduct research.
  - c. How the mentor has supported and influenced trainees' educational and career paths (presentation and publication opportunities, planning for continued research and/or graduate studies, further academic positions).
  - d. Provide examples of inspiration, encouragement, or challenge as well as any other attributes or actions that make this mentor truly exceptional.
2. Nominee's curriculum vitae
3. Completed evaluation forms of two mentees of the nominee (Please do not include mentee CVs and make sure that the mentees completing evaluations are different from those providing nominating or supporting letters)
4. Complete list of past and present mentees with their topics of research, current status, and any progress made in the development of their research career.

ASPEN Rhoads Research Foundation Board Members and ASPEN Board Members are ineligible to be nominated during their active terms but can nominate others.

### Selection

Nominations will be presented to a committee appointed by the Foundation President.