

## **2024 Mary Betty Stevens, MD, FACP, FACR Young Investigator Prize**

### **PRIZE & NOMINATIONS GUIDELINES**

#### **PRIZE OVERVIEW**

The Mary Betty Stevens, MD, FACP, FACR, Young Investigator prize, supported by the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., recognizes the exceptional achievements of an investigator in the early part of their career in lupus research.

Mary Betty Stevens, MD, FACP, FACR, graduated from Vassar College in 1948 and went on to receive her degree in medicine from Johns Hopkins University, where she remained for the duration of her illustrious career. While at Hopkins, Dr. Stevens was appointed chair of the Division of Rheumatology—the first woman to occupy a division chair in the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins—as well as Director of Rheumatology at Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Stevens developed the Hopkins-Good Samaritan Rheumatic Disease Unit, which became renowned for clinical research on lupus and vasculitis.

Dr. Stevens was unfailingly enthusiastic about teaching, patient care, and the creation of new information. She was widely admired as a devoted physician, a masterful clinician, and an inspirational teacher who encouraged those around her to question the science, push the boundaries, and excel. It is because of this passion that Dr. Stevens attracted hundreds of medical students, residents, and fellows to study at her side.

In 1991, three years before her death, she received the Distinguished Rheumatologist Award from the American College of Rheumatology. The recipient of many other awards and honors, Dr. Stevens particularly cherished the George J. Stuart Award she was given in 1971 for excellence in clinical teaching.

#### **Candidates for this prize must meet the following criteria:**

- Must be a licensed physician.
- Must be nominated by a peer.
- Must be 10 or fewer years out from the first full-time faculty appointment or equivalent, in an academic or clinical research setting, and have a current designation as either an Assistant or Associate Professor.
- Must be an investigator conducting original research in basic science, clinical care or translation in the field of lupus.

The awardee is required to attend the Lupus Foundation of America Evelyn V. Hess Awards Reception at the 2024 American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Posthumous nominations will not be considered.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

The nomination form is [submitted online](#). The following information will be requested:

- **Section I:** The nominator's contact information.
- **Section II:** The nominee's contact information.
- **Section III:** A brief statement (less than 300 words) regarding the nominee's status as an investigator conducting original lupus research and another brief statement (also less than 300 words) highlighting the most important accomplishments and contributions of the nominee to the field of lupus.
- **Section IV:** Additional Comments: In 300 words or less, provide any additional comments which describe the reason you are recommending the nominee.
- **Section V:** Nominee's biosketch (paste)
- **Section VI:** The nominator's electronic signature.

Please do not submit any additional materials not listed in these guidelines, as they will not be considered. Note that nomination materials will not be accepted by U.S. mail.

**Nominations are due by Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm EST**

**Nomination Form Link:** [https://lupus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eDryPmUKwhH0zdA](https://lupus.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eDryPmUKwhH0zdA)

## AWARD

The winner will receive a personal award in the amount of \$5,000 USD. They will also be honored during the Lupus Foundation of America's Evelyn V. Hess Awards Reception at the 2024 American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC and will have the opportunity to give a brief acceptance speech.

## QUESTIONS

For questions, please contact Jaren Crump [crump@lupus.org](mailto:crump@lupus.org).