



Awards of Excellence

The NIDA International Program Awards of Excellence recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to international cooperation in drug abuse research and training. The awards will be presented each June at the NIDA International Forum to persons who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained support of the NIDA International Program mission in three categories:

- **Excellence in Mentoring**
Recognizes NIDA grantees that have served as mentors for NIDA's INVEST or Hubert H. Humphrey Drug Abuse Research Fellowship programs, and who have continued mentoring beyond the fellowship period. The awardees have demonstrated exceptional guidance in helping NIDA Fellows achieve research independence and are leaders in NIDA's efforts to develop an international community of scientists who exchange information and collaborate on drug abuse research nationally, regionally, and globally.
- **Excellence in International Leadership**
Recognizes U.S. or non-U.S. drug abuse researchers who have made significant contributions to international collaborative research and/or capacity building outside the United States. The awardees serve as exemplars to their colleagues through superior efforts to develop the human resources necessary to improve scientific understanding of drug abuse and addiction and to develop and implement science-based prevention and treatment programs.
- **Excellence in Collaborative Research**
Recognizes creative or pioneering efforts by bi-national or multinational research teams consisting of at least one NIDA grantee and one non-U.S. research partner who have appreciably improved the mechanisms to foster international collaborative research and/or significantly contributed to scientific knowledge about drug abuse and addiction.

Additional selection criteria include:

- Innovative, creative, and pioneering achievement.
- Unique contributions by the nominee to that achievement.
- Positive change over a sustained period—not simply the potential for such change—through the nominee's achievement.
- A qualitative and quantitative impact.
- Success in overcoming barriers, based on resources available.

The NIDA International Program welcomes nominations from any individual or organization. Nominations should be accompanied by a detailed written description of the accomplishments of the nominee and an explanation of why those accomplishments merit the NIDA International Program Award of Excellence. Nominations should not exceed 2 pages in length. Only written material will be considered. Letters of endorsement or a curriculum vita in addition to the nomination are not necessary and will not be considered. The annual nomination deadline is March 1.

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