

## **2017 Mary Betty Stevens, MD, Young Investigator Prize**

### **NOMINATIONS GUIDELINES**

The Mary Betty Stevens, MD, Young Investigator prize, supported by the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., recognizes the exceptional achievements of an investigator in the early part of his or her independent 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 award 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 independent 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 Research Awards Reception at the 2017 American College of Rheumatology meeting in San Diego, CA Posthumous nominations will not be considered.

### **Nomination process**

Nomination forms can now be [submitted online](#). The following information must be included in the form:

- **Section I:** The nominator's contact information.
- **Section II:** The nominee's contact information and date of birth.
- **Section III:** Confirmation of the nominee's full-time faculty academic appointment and re-nomination information (if applicable).
- **Section IV:** A brief statement (less than 300 words) regarding the nominee's status as an independent 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 V:** The nominator's electronic signature.

Once the form is submitted, send the nominee's most up-to-date NIH Biosketch to [nominations@lupus.org](mailto:nominations@lupus.org).

### **Award**

The winner will receive a personal award in the amount of \$5,000 USD. He or she will also be honored during the Lupus Foundation of America Research Awards Reception at the 2017 American College of Rheumatology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC and will have the opportunity to give a brief acceptance speech.

Please submit the nomination form to the Lupus Foundation of America online. A link to the form can be found on [www.lupus.org/younginvestigator](http://www.lupus.org/younginvestigator). Then, submit the nominee's NIH Biosketch to [nominations@lupus.org](mailto:nominations@lupus.org). **The nomination form and NIH Biosketch must be received by the Foundation no later than 5:00 PM EST on August 7, 2017.** 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.

For questions, please contact the Lupus Foundation of America via e-mail at [nominations@lupus.org](mailto:nominations@lupus.org)