Every year HIVMA recognizes an HIV clinical educator and researcher who have changed the way we think about HIV disease or our approach to patient care.

Awards are presented at IDWeek. Awardees receive a $1,500 honorarium and coverage of one night’s lodging and travel expenses to attend the meeting.

2013 Recipient of the HIV Clinical Educator Award

Joseph J. Eron, Jr., MD, is widely admired for his skill at bringing science to the bedside and incorporating the science behind complex HIV issues into a practical clinical context. His reach extends far beyond Chapel Hill as a regular speaker at international and national conferences and a prolific writer whose bibliography includes more than 250 book chapters and publications in prominent journals such as Journal of AIDS, Clinical Infectious Diseases, The Journal of Infectious Diseases, The New England Journal of Medicine, The Lancet, and the Annals of Internal Medicine. Maintaining his reputation as a thought leader in the field of HIV medicine Dr. Eron serves as editor of the HIV Section of Antiviral Therapy, works as an editorial reviewer for several journals, serves as a principal investigator for the AIDS Clinical Trial Unit at the University of North Carolina (UNC), and he lectures in innovative online webinars. Dr. Eron’s unique interactive style with a live audience, along with his ability to eloquently untangle the many loose ends of complex HIV issues and explain them, has resulted in a tremendous dissemination of HIV knowledge across the country and across the world. Dr. Eron is professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and serves as director of the Clinical Core at the UNC Center for AIDS Research.

2013 Recipient of the HIV Research Award

Ighovwerha Ofotokun, MD, MSc, FIDSA is an innovative researcher in women’s health in the setting of HIV-infection with particular focus on antiretroviral clinical pharmacology and bone complications of HIV-infection. Findings from his first study with co–principal investigator Dr. Neale Weitzmann demonstrated significant bone loss occurring within the first 24 weeks of antiretroviral therapy and challenged the pervasive concept that bone loss in patients on antiretroviral therapy is related primarily to nuceloside toxicity, or metabolic factors such as diabetes or insulin resistance. Dr. Ofotokun has conducted additional studies building on his work and is currently leading an interventional study among HIV-infected patients to ameliorate the early and significant bone effect of immune reconstitution following antiretroviral therapy initiation. His research is expected to lead to new insights and therapeutic approaches to HIV–associated bone loss. Dr. Ofotokun’s colleagues praise his willingness to collaborate and his ability to bring together disparate factions in his research endeavors. Dr. Ofotokun is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Emory University School of Medicine, and is a clinical/translational researcher with the Center for AIDS Research at Emory.

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How to Nominate a Colleague

Nominations for the HIVMA Leadership Awards are due April 1. Self-nominations are discouraged. Nominators and nominees must be members of HIVMA.

HIV Clinical Educator Award
The HIV Clinical Educator Award recognizes HIVMA members who have made significant contributions to HIV-related clinical education throughout their career and had a positive impact on patient care.

Submission Requirements
Nominators should submit a detailed letter describing the achievements and contributions of the nominee using specific examples wherever possible. Nominees will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined below and may excel in one or more areas.

1. Demonstrated excellence in teaching/mentoring. (Describe audiences affected).
2. Improved patient care.
3. Originality and innovation in the area of clinical education.
4. Impact outside of a single institution/addressed unmet need in clinical education. (Describe audiences affected).

HIV Research Award
The HIV Research Award recognizes HIVMA members who have made outstanding contributions to HIV medicine in clinical or basic research. Nominees must actively be engaged in HIV research and must be junior to mid-career, such as an associate professor or its equivalent for an institution without a formal academic rank. The award will be based on innovation and originality and requires demonstration of significant independent research (such as success in securing independent peer-reviewed grant funding) and productivity (such as publications in peer-reviewed journals).

Nominators should address each of the following criteria in a detailed letter, including examples when appropriate.

1. Demonstration of independent research (as evidenced by ability to obtain grant funding).
2. Productivity (as evidenced in publications in peer-reviewed journals).
3. Innovation and originality.
4. Impact on the field of HIV research.

Additional Instructions
- Please include the nominee’s curriculum vitae, which should include a bibliography.
- One seconding letter from an HIVMA member other than the nominee is required.
- Standing HIVMA Board and Award Committee members are not eligible to receive the award.
- Self-nominations will not be considered.

For more information, please contact us at info@hivma.org.