

Billy E. Hooper Award for Distinguished Service

Eligibility

Nominees should be part of the veterinary community and have a history of service, research, education, or participation in the veterinary community. Individuals with limited contributions to the veterinary medical profession or academic veterinary medical education should not be considered.

Who may nominate

Any individual employed at an AAVMC member institution.

What to submit

Nomination letter addressing the award criteria (see below).

Award criteria

1. The nominee's contribution made should be to academic veterinary medical education, not the profession at large or education generally.
2. The contribution may be a fundamental one-time contribution, or incremental over time ("a body of work").
3. Areas in which the contribution might be made include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Leadership of an AAVMC member institution
 - b. Development of a curriculum, or a curricular model
 - c. Development of clinical teaching methods, or a clinical model
 - d. Advancement of the science of veterinary medical practice
 - e. Advancement of the business of veterinary medical practice
 - f. Advancement in fundamental concepts of the veterinary profession (e.g., the development of the concept of One Health)
 - g. Advancement in the non-clinical practice of the veterinary profession (e.g., advancing the public's understanding of the scope of veterinary practice)
 - h. Advancement in the research of pedagogy of veterinary medical education
 - i. Advancement in the understanding of the economics of, political support for, educational milieu, or physical plant of academic veterinary medical education.
 - j. Advancement in concepts of recruitment or admissions
 - k. Advancement in the understanding of concepts of or promotion of diversity (in all its forms) in academic veterinary medical education
 - l. Advancement in concepts or promotion of leadership, or in providing leadership training, in academic veterinary medical education
 - m. The provision of information, knowledge, or solutions to AAVMC members' work
 - n. Acting as an effective catalyst or convener of issues of importance to academic veterinary medical education

4. The significance of the contribution should be major. "Major" is contextual. In under-developed fields, minor advances may be considered major. Advancement in a well-developed field would need to be much more significant.
5. Contributions need not be recent, as it may take time before the significance of an advance becomes recognized.
6. The goal of this award is to recognize those who have helped to transform academic veterinary medical education in some way. Mere effectiveness or popularity should not be enough.
7. The Billy E. Hooper Award should not be presented to an individual whose contribution is primarily limited to advocacy or research. Generally speaking, these individuals should receive the Senator John Melcher Award for Public Policy Leadership or the AAVMC Excellence in Research Award.
8. Controversy over the contribution should not disqualify an individual from receiving the Billy Hooper Award, although the contribution made should not be in conflict with the publicly published AAVMC mission statement, vision statement, values statement, or strategic goals and objectives.

Award committee

The AAVMC Executive Committee serves as the selection committee.