

Dr. Paul Janssen Award for Biomedical Research Issues 2022 Call for Nominations

*Nominations Accepted Through February 28 for Consideration by
Independent Selection Committee of Renowned Scientists*

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New Brunswick, N.J. – January 10, 2022– Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Dr. Paul Janssen Award for Biomedical Research. The prestigious award celebrates dedicated researchers whose basic or clinical discoveries have made, or have the potential to make, significant contributions toward improving human health. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2022, at www.pauljanssenaward.com for consideration by an independent selection committee of world-renowned scientists. The winning scientist(s) will be announced in spring 2022 and receive a \$200,000 cash prize as well as broad recognition.

The Award honors Dr. Paul Janssen (1926- 2003), one of the most impactful pharmaceutical scientists of the 20th century. He was responsible for breakthrough treatments in multiple disease areas including pain management, psychiatry, infectious disease and gastroenterology. Janssen founded Janssen Pharmaceutica, N.V., now part of the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies.

In 2021, the Dr. Paul Janssen Award recognized Katalin Karikó, Ph.D. of BioNTech Pharmaceuticals and the University of Pennsylvania and Drew Weissman, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania. The duo were honored for their foundational work that enabled the use of messenger RNA in the development of COVID-19 vaccines, and holds tremendous promise for development of future vaccines and therapeutics. They joined 19 other scientists who have received the Dr. Paul Janssen Award since its founding in 2004, including six who have gone on to win the Nobel Prize.

“Solving the world’s most pressing health problems requires continuous advancement of the science,” said Richard P. Lifton, M.D., Ph.D., president of Rockefeller University. “I’m honored to be chairing the Dr. Paul Janssen Award selection committee, which reviews nominations from academia, industry, government and scientific institutions around the world. Each is a champion of science whose work exemplifies the leadership and passion that shaped Dr. Paul’s legacy.”

Previous Award winners include:

- 2021 – Katalin Karikó, Ph.D., and Drew Weissman, M.D., Ph.D.
- 2020 – Lewis Cantley, Ph.D.
- 2019 – Drs. Franz-Ulrich Hartl M.D., and Arthur Horwich, M.D.
- 2018 – James Allison, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate
- 2017 – Douglas Wallace, Ph.D.
- 2016 – Yoshinori Ohsumi, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate
- 2015 – Bert Vogelstein, M.D.
- 2014 – Emmanuelle Charpentier, Ph.D. and Jennifer Doudna, Ph.D., Nobel Laureates
- 2013 – David Julius, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate
- 2012 – Victor Ambros, Ph.D., and Gary Ruvkun, Ph.D.

- 2011 – Napoleone Ferrara, M.D.
- 2010 – Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. and Erik De Clercq, M.D., Ph.D.,
- 2009 – Axel Ullrich, Ph.D.
- 2008 – Professor Marc Feldmann, FMedSci, FAA, FRS, Emeritus Professor and Sir Ravinder Maini, FRCP, FMedSci, FRS
- 2006 – Craig Mello, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate

About The Dr. Paul Janssen Award for Biomedical Research

Established by Johnson & Johnson, The Dr. Paul Janssen Award salutes champions of science and the most passionate and creative scientists in basic or clinical research whose scientific achievements have made, or have strong potential to make, a measurable impact on human health.

The Award is named after the scientist who founded Janssen Pharmaceutica, N.V. in 1953. Known to his colleagues as “Dr. Paul,” Janssen helped save millions of lives through his contribution to the discovery and development of more than 80 medicines, four of which remain on the World Health Organization’s list of essential medicines.

In 1961, Janssen Pharmaceutica, N.V. joined the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies. Janssen’s legacy continues to inspire Johnson & Johnson and its commitment to finding innovative cures for unmet medical needs. Visit www.pauljanssenaward.com for more information.

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