



Lifetime Achievement Award

The Board of Directors of the Cervical Spine Research Society (CSRS) established the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 to recognize those who have achieved academic excellence and made significant contributions to study of diseases of the cervical spine, as well as to recognize the accomplishments of the distinguished persons who have created a lasting legacy in this field.

This honor shall be named **The Cervical Spine Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award.**

Award Criteria

1. The candidate must be living.
2. The candidate must be a senior member of CSRS.
3. The candidate's outstanding and lasting contributions are pioneering and/or creative, with legacy value.
4. The candidate must be a highly-esteemed individual with a significant national and international reputation as a thought leader, educator, and mentor in the field, and possess exceptional professional and personal qualities.

Selection Process

1. The Lifetime Achievement Award nominations shall be submitted to the CSRS Awards Committee for consideration. CSRS Awards Committee will submit nominations to the CSRS Board of Directors / Executive Committee.
2. Any member of the CSRS in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Award. A call for nominations is to be electronically issued to the entire membership by August 1st of each year with nominations due to the CSRS office by September 1st of each year. One (1) primary nominator who is a member of the CSRS, and two (2) seconders are required for each nomination. The award is to be presented annually; however, the Board may decide to

change the frequency of the Award at its discretion and based on the recommendation of the Award Committee.

3. The following documentation shall be requested with each nomination and may be provided by the primary nominator:
 - a. a brief essay indicating the reason(s) for nomination
 - b. the candidate's full curriculum vitae (optional)
 - c. supporting documentation including publication citations and any other notable achievements of the candidate relevant to this award (optional)
4. It is the primary nominator's responsibility to ensure that the nomination reaches the CSRS office by the deadline.
5. All nominations are to be treated as sensitive and confidential. A candidate's nomination shall not be discussed with the candidate, his/her staff, or other members of the CSRS who are not involved in the nomination.
6. The CSRS Awards Committee will review all nominations (via conference call) and present one or more recommendations to the Board of Directors in rank order, for their final decisions and approval by September 31st. The name of the recipient(s) will then be communicated to the membership.
7. The award, consisting of a memorable plaque, will be given to the selected recipient(s) at the CSRS Annual Meeting in the year of the nomination.
8. Although submission of candidates for the Award will be solicited annually, the award may not be given out should the Committee and the CSRS Board determine that no candidate, nominated in a particular year, meets the specified criteria. Similarly, if more than one qualified candidate is nominated in any given year, multiple candidates may receive the Award. Nevertheless, the CSRS Awards Committee and the CSRS Board must be very selective to keep the honor and the prestige of the Award at the highest level.