

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine

Thank you for providing the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine with your nomination(s) for the scientific members of the Scientific and Medical Research Funding Working Group. Our aim is to build a representative committee of the best and brightest investigators in the field of stem cell research and related biomedical research. We are grateful for your assistance in this important effort.

Please note: The deadline for nominating individuals to serve on this committee is **February 14, 2005**. Nominations will not be accepted after this date.

Please send all nominations and related inquiries c/o Amy Daly at info@cirm.ca.gov. Nominations should be based on the following membership criteria:

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

- A. Must be outstanding and highly recognized experts in the field of stem cell research, including biomedical research that is necessary to develop therapies to implement stem cell research.
- B. Must reside and work outside of California [international candidates also welcome].
- C. Must have had substantial publications of their research.
- D. Nominees will be called upon to review several types of grants and, therefore, must have broad experience within the field of grant review.
- E. Must be willing to make time commitment.
 - a. Four meetings per year [not necessarily all in person] + homework
 - b. Let them know the following:
 - i. They may receive honoraria
 - ii. They will have funds for support staff
 - iii. They can 'flex up' and bring in ad hoc experts to aid in review as needed
- F. Conflicts of interest.
 - a. The initial filter [until the Standards and Accountability working group finalizes standards regarding conflict of interest] will be that every member will be expected to disclose their conflicts of interest, if there are any, and recuse themselves from consideration of any grant to an institution or person with whom they have any NIH defined financial affiliation.

Informational Note:

Be advised that the baseline standards for the conflict of interest are the NIH standards in effect as of 1/1/03, and such NIH updates, or modifications that the ICOC may adopt.