AAVMC
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

2027 Billy E. Hooper Award for Distinguished Service

Award Purpose
The Billy E. Hooper Award for Distinguished Service recognizes individuals whose significant contributions have helped transform academic veterinary medical education.

Nominee Eligibility
Nominees should be part of the veterinary community and have a history of service, research, education, or participation in the veterinary community. Individuals whose contributions to the veterinary medical profession or academic veterinary medical education are limited should not be considered. Posthumous nominations are not eligible for consideration.

Nominator Eligibility
Any individual employed at an AAVMC Institutional Member may submit a nomination.

Nomination Materials
1. A nomination letter addressing the award criteria 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.

Selection Committee

The AAVMC Executive Committee serves as the selection committee.