BSH Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination

The BSH Lifetime Achievement Award honours and recognises outstanding individuals who have made a major contribution to Haematology in the UK (though the candidate does not have to be British).

Award criteria

- The award is for exceptional contribution to UK and International Haematology
- Any discipline – scientist, nurse, medic, BMS etc.
- Does not need to have been a BSH member or UK citizen.
- Majority of career should have been spent in UK.
- Cannot be awarded posthumously.
- The award is not intended to be for academic work alone.
- The nominee should be in the latter part of their career or retired.
- Cannot be either a current trustee or office bearer or for the previous 3 years.
- Self-nomination is not permitted.

How do you nominate

- Nominated by 2 current members of BSH of at least 3 years standing.
- Nomination form to be completed by the nominator.
- One letter of support from an expert in their field of not more than 1000 words. The name of the referee should be included in the application.
- A short CV of the individual (1000 words max).
- Complete the application form which includes

    - the 5 most important publications from their career if relevant.
    - A concise description of contribution to UK and International Haematology particularly emphasising their role in;

        - Research and innovation,
        - Leadership,
        - Delivering and developing a high-quality service,
        - Teaching and training.

- Nominations may be received at any time and will be considered once a year. **Nominations for the 2027 Lifetime achievement award must be submitted by the 31 December 2026.**

Criteria for judging

- Based on scoring a minimum of 2 major domains of expertise.
- Domains will be in;
    - Leadership
    - Education/ mentoring
    - Research
    - Service and Patient Care
- Maximum of 500 words per domain.
- A publication list may also be submitted if appropriate.
- Supporting citations of no more than 1500 characters from other individuals who do not need to be BSH members may also be submitted.
- BSH reserves the right not to make an award if no candidate of sufficient stature is nominated.

Who judges

- The panel will consist of 5-10 people and will include;
    - Members of the Trustee Board
    - Lay member
    - Additional Judges will be identified based on the candidate's areas of expertise
- The judges will be identified during January and relevant paperwork sent to members of the panel who will score candidates on the relevant domains of expertise. These scores will be collated and then shared during a panel meeting to be held in February.

Other information:

- The award will not necessarily be awarded annually.
- Upon selection, the successful candidate will be informed at which the award will be presented at the BSH Annual Scientific Meeting.

General tips for completing a nomination

Judges are relying on the information in your nomination to make their decisions. So please do make sure that you include the following information which will help the judges to see why you have nominated them and what makes your nominee special.

A useful way to structure your nomination is to answer the following questions:

1. What has the nominee achieved?
    a. Describe the 'what' – please demonstrate how they have gone above and beyond their expected day-to-day role.

2. How have they done it?
    a. Use specific examples and give some detail rather than general praise.

3. What has been the impact?
    a. Explain how this individual has made a difference and what effect this has had on the understanding of haematology and or management of haematology patients.

4. Explain how this individual has:
    a. Increased the understanding of Haematology.
    b. Made improvements to services.
    c. Supported service users and carers.
    d. Engaged staff and the wider profession.
    e. Made changes that improve efficiency and sustainability.

5. How has the nominee demonstrated BSH values?