

Entrepreneur Award

The Entrepreneur Award acknowledges the accomplishments of an investigator who has shown innovation in the areas of entrepreneurship and/or commercialization.

Eligibility. Candidates must be nominated by a COBRE, INBRE, CTR, or I-RED PD/PI. Candidates for this award must demonstrate innovation in utilizing basic discoveries (e.g., drug targets, biomarkers, technologies, etc.) in the development of a successful startup company. Candidates' entrepreneurship must be related to biomedical research and development with a focus on improving human health. Faculty members, investigators, postdoctoral fellows, and students are eligible. Nominees are required to attend the conference to be eligible to receive this award.

Nomination Process. Nominations require a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) from a COBRE, INBRE, CTR, or I-RED PD/PI and a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the candidate.

- The LOR should be on letterhead and signed by the PD/PI. The LOR should describe how the candidate exemplifies the ideals of biomedical translational research excellence and is committed to innovation and commercialization.
- The CV should be current and include scientific and/or business accomplishments.

Nominations should be submitted **no later than April 15, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET**. All required documents should be submitted as a single PDF using the **Award Nomination** form on the conference website.

Selection Process. The winner will be chosen by the organizing committee based on nomination materials. The following guidelines will be used to select candidates for this award:

1. Demonstrated success in launching a startup company
2. Success in licensing of relevant technologies
3. Number of patents and/or licensing agreements
4. Receipt of SBIR/STTR funding
5. Impact of products or technologies on human health

Winners will be announced in-person at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 19th. Nominees are required to attend the conference to be eligible for an award and must be present at the awards ceremony to receive an award.