



**Nomination
Deadline:
December 16th**

ROBERT W. KIRK AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Purpose:

The Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence provides an avenue for recognition of outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the veterinary profession by ACVIM Diplomates. A single award is given annually during the ACVIM Forum.

Eligibility:

1. Active and inactive Diplomates of ACVIM are eligible.
2. Except for rare and exceptional circumstances, a period of at least fifteen years must elapse after receipt of the veterinary degree before an individual becomes eligible.
3. Once nominated, individuals will remain in consideration for the award for three years.
4. Individuals are not eligible while they are serving as members of the Board of Regents, as elected officers of any specialty, or as members of the selection committee for this award. Individuals who are ineligible for the award in 2019 are listed on the next page.

Selection Criteria:

1. Having an outstanding career in veterinary medicine with national and international recognition for one's contributions. Selection is based on the life career of the nominee rather than on a single activity or incident.
2. Production of major published works and/or development of significant diagnostic, therapeutic or control techniques and/or procedures.
3. Sustained (15 or more years) service as a veterinarian in such activities as clinical medical practice, instruction, research and/or public service.
4. Demonstrated mentorship to interns, residents, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty or beginning specialists
5. Contributions to veterinary organizations and the ACVIM.

Selection committee is comprised of the immediate past chair and prior past chair of the Board of Regents and the three most recent recipients of the Robert W. Kirk Award.

Nomination Procedure:

Nomination is made by completing an online nomination application, including the nominee's Curriculum Vitae, a nomination letter and record of service to the ACVIM with at least three supporting letters from colleagues.

Nomination applications are due to the ACVIM by **December 16, 2019**. If you have questions, please call the ACVIM office (800-245-9081 USA and Canada or 303-231-9933) or email Marian@acvim.org.



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**Past Recipients
Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence**

2019 Dr. Bradford Smith (LAIM)
2018 Dr. Mark Peterson (SAIM)
2017 Dr. Carolyn Henry (Oncology)
2016 Dr. Sharon Center (SAIM)
2015 Dr. Thomas Divers (LAIM)
2014 Dr. Michael Lappin (SAIM)
2013 Dr. Virginia Reef (LAIM)
2012 Dr. Richard W. Nelson (SAIM)
2011 Dr. Dennis P. O'Brien (Neurology)
2010 Dr. George E. Lees (SAIM)
2009 Dr. Susan White (LAIM)
2008 Dr. Joe Kornegay (Neurology)
2007 Dr. T. Douglas Byars (LAIM)
2006 Dr. Alfred Legendre (Oncology)
2005 Dr. Edward B. Breitschwerdt (SAIM)
2004 Dr. Gary P. Carlson (LAIM)
2003 Dr. John D. Bonagura (Cardiology, SAIM)
2002 Dr. Cheryl Chrisman (Neurology)
2001 Dr. Del Finco (IM-SA)
2000 Dr. Alexander deLahunta (Neurology)
1999 Dr. Bud Tenant (IM-LA)
1998 Dr. Terrell Holliday (IM-SA, Neurology)
1997 Dr. Erwin Small (IM-SA)
1996 Dr. Carl A. Osborne (IM-SA)
1995 Dr. Robert L. Hamlin (IM-SA, Cardiology)
1994 Dr. John E. Oliver (IM-SA, Neurology)
1993 Dr. Stephen J. Ettinger (IM-SA, Cardiology)
1992 Dr. Donald G. Low (IM-SA)
1990 Dr. William J. Kay (Neurology)
1988 Dr. Robert W. Kirk (IM-SA)



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**The Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence
Individuals Ineligible for the 2020 Award**

The following individuals are not eligible while they are serving as members of the Board of Regents, as elected officers of any specialty or as members of the selection committee for this award.

2020 Kirk Award Selection Committee

Bradford Smith	2019 Robert W. Kirk Award Recipient
Mark Peterson	2018 Robert W. Kirk Award Recipient
Carolyn Henry	2017 Robert W. Kirk Award Recipient
Susan White	Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Regents
Ellen Behrend	Prior Past Chair of the Board of Regents

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