

BASL DISINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD CRITERIA 2026

The following criteria have been designed to make the nomination process as clear and as fair as possible:

1. Nominations and supporting evidence will **only** be accepted on the nomination form.
2. There is no limit to the number of nominations that can be made by any individual or team but each individual nomination must be submitted on a separate form.
3. Nominators must be a member of BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL.
4. Nominees should be a BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL member and based in the UK.
5. Nominations are invited from across our membership; Medics, Nurses, Pharmacists, Scientists and AHP's.
6. Nominees should have made significant contributions to liver healthcare and be retiring this year (not retiring and returning). If there are exceptional circumstances outwith this criteria, it is advised to discuss the circumstances with the BASL President who may permit an exceptional circumstance nomination at his/her/their discretion.
7. Awards cannot be given more than once, but if your nominee is not successful this year, they can be nominated again.
8. Nominations will be treated confidentially by the committee and nominees will not be informed of their nomination unless they are to receive an award.
9. The judging panel reserves the right to evaluate nominations and seek further information where necessary.
10. The judging panel is comprised of 2 BASL Officers and the 4 main Sub-committee chairs. It will be chaired by an independent judge.
11. The judging panel will review the nominations against set criteria and their decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding their decision.
12. Recipients of the awards will be invited to receive their award at the BASL Annual Meeting in Autumn. A photograph may be taken at the meeting and used afterwards on the BASL website, in the Newsletter and on social media platforms.
13. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
14. For nominations submitted by any of the judging panel – the nominator will excuse themselves from scoring or discussion of that particular nomination.

Application form

Please ensure that you complete all of the fields on the application form, consider how the person being nominated has influenced each of the areas and the impact they have had. Please give examples and provide evidence where possible. In all categories below reference can be made to clinical service excellence, service or academic developments, teaching and training, educational initiatives or developments, quality improvement, research, audit, leadership, professional behaviours etc. How have they influenced? What impact have they had locally or regionally as well as nationally? Try to give specific examples where possible, presentations, publications, research, education, training.

The areas on the application form to consider are:

What has the nominee contributed to the delivery of liver healthcare in their local place of work?

Examples might include local leadership roles in management, research or education, development of services.

What has the nominee contributed to the development of liver healthcare at a regional level?

Examples might include substantial contributions to regional training, recruitment, networks, collaborations in research, regional pathways etc.

What has the nominee contributed to the development of liver healthcare nationally?

Examples might include working on national committees, contributions to standards, guidelines, working parties etc. Similarly, nominees may have contributed to national conferences, or be widely published with influential papers.

Contribution to BASL/BLNA/BHPG/BAAL For example – what committees have they served on, contributed to the conference programme with presentations or posters

BASL is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its work and is actively promoting equal opportunities to our activities, including our awards, for all our members regardless of their background, place of work or professional group. We welcome applications from all disciplines in the field of liver healthcare.

The application form has been designed to ensure that all HCPs can be nominated, with the categories being generic to all members. We do not wish it to be onerous but recognise it may take some time to complete. A good nomination will be concise, highlighting the main achievements, include examples that can be judged objectively. Some categories above will be stronger than others, but the best applications will include something in each. Good sources of information maybe CVs, society websites, the BASL secretariat, PubMed/Google, local team information etc.

For information, previous recipients of the BASL Distinguished Service Awards are:

- 2025: Prof John Ramage
- 2024: Amanda Clements
- 2023: Prof David Mutimer, Prof David Adams, Dr Jane Collier, Prof Graham Foster
- 2022: Prof Stephen Ryder, Prof Stefan Hubscher, Lynda Greenslade, Prof Derek Manas
- 2019: Prof James Neuberger and Dr Mark Hudson
- 2018: Prof Graeme Alexander
- 2017: Prof John O'Grady
- 2016: Dr James Dooley, Dr Alexander Gimson, Dr Roger Chapman
- 2015: Prof Margaret Bassendine
- 2014: Prof Geoff Dusheiko
- 2013: Prof Andrew Burroughs