**The previous winners of the Excellence in Research Award were** Drs. 2018- Edgar Gacia-Rill, 2017-Mark Smeltzer, 2016- Manilagas Stavros

**Eligibility requirements**

A candidate for this award is a full-time faculty member of the College of Medicine who has a distinguished record of research achievement that includes but is not limited to:

* Significant advancement of a specific field of scientific endeavor
* Establishment of a research program that has held consistent and substantial extramural funding for at least 10 years
* A robust publication record within highly reputable journals and other scientific media
* National and international reputation in his/her research program
* Collaborative and collegial relationships with other UAMS scientists
* Mentorship of UAMS trainees and faculty members

**Nomination Procedures**

* All nominations must be submitted by **Friday, February 28th to Michaela Beard (mbeard@uams.edu) by 4:30 p.m.**
* A letter of nomination explaining how the candidate has fulfilled the award’s eligibility requirements, not to exceed 3 pages.
* A current copy of the candidate’s curriculum vita

**Selection Process**

* Research Excellence Selection Committee will meet and review all nominations, and will create a rank-ordered list for the Dean who shall make the final selection of the award recipient.
* The award recipient will be informed about this honor by the Executive Associate Dean for Research in advance of the annual Dean’s Honor Day celebration.
* The award will be announced publically during the Dean’s Honor Day celebration.