BMA AWARDS AND HONOURS

BMA honours are awarded in recognition of a member’s distinguished and notable service to the Association at any level, not only to those holding high profile offices. The awards exist to recognise those who have contributed at local, regional or national level, focussing on commitment and achievement, not only time served or office held.

Awards and honours are considered by the Awards and Honours subcommittee of the Organisation committee.

The deadline for receipt of nominations together with the required number of references. The deadline for receipt of Nominations is NOON 15 JANUARY 2021. No exceptions will be made.

Please note that one statement signed by four members will not be counted as ‘four references.

It is the responsibility of the nominator to submit the nomination on line and ensure completed references are added.

Self-nominations will not be accepted.

It is imperative that all nominations are kept strictly confidential and the nominee is not informed of their nomination.

Information and the online form can be found here https://bma.org.uk/bmahonours

Requests for further information should be submitted to Olivia O'Mahoney (OOMahoney@bma.org.uk).

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION (bye-laws 114 - 121)

The BMA may award the following honours:

1. Association Medal

The Association Medal is awarded to such to such members who have shown outstanding achievement and commitment at national and/or UK level to the British Medical Association. (Bye-law 116 & 121).

2. Fellowship of the Association

A Fellowship is awarded to members who have shown outstanding achievement and commitment at a local or regional level to the British Medical Association. (Bye-law 118 & 121).
3. **BMA Impact Award**

The BMA Impact Award is awarded to members who have given exceptional commitment and have demonstrated a tangible beneficial impact for members of the British Medical Association. *(Bye-law 119 & 121)*.

4. **Gold Medal**

The Gold Medal may be awarded to any such member or members who shall have conspicuously raised the character of the medical profession by exceptional achievement through their service to the British Medical Association. *(Bye-laws 114 & 121 and standing orders of council)*.

5. **President’s Award**

President’s Award may be given to members who have given outstanding service to the British Medical Association *(Bye-laws 115 & 121)*.

3. **Distinguished Service Award (staff / lay members)**

The Distinguished Service Award may be awarded in recognition of distinguished, outstanding, and exceptional services to the Association by non-medical personnel *(not a long service award)* *(Bye-laws 120 & 121)*.

**THE PROCESS FOR AWARDS AND HONOURS**

**NOMINATIONS**

The deadline is **NOON 15 January 2021**. Incomplete and / or late submissions will not be accepted.

**REFERENCES**

These should include examples where the member has demonstrated achievements and contributed to the Association in the following areas: (note members do not have to meet all the criteria but this will determine the level of award conferred.)

- a) Examples of adding value to the BMA and membership
- b) Examples of any achievement that has led to an increase in the membership of the association.
- c) Examples of achievements in the delivery and/or advancement of healthcare
- d) Example of a single achievement or campaign that has had an impact on the BMA or its membership.
- e) Specific examples of outstanding service
- f) Specific examples of sustained service
- g) Examples of conspicuously raising the character of the medical profession by scientific work, by extraordinary professional services, or by special services rendered to the British Medical Association.
- h) Distinguished, outstanding, and exceptional services to the Association by non-medical personnel. *(Distinguished Service Award)*
- i) Living Our Values (all)
**ASSESSMENT**

The Awards and Honours subcommittee of the Organisation committee considers all completed nominations, at its meeting in February, against the criteria set out in Section 8 a-i (as above) The subcommittee then determines the level of award to be conferred and the recommendations are submitted to UK Council for approval.

**IF AN AWARD IS CONFERRED**

The nomination contact will be informed and the successful nominees will be invited (along with a guest) to the installation of the President ceremony at the BMA’s Annual Representative meeting (followed by a dinner), normally held on the Tuesday evening at the ARM where successful nominees will be presented with their award

**FEEDBACK**

For unsuccessful nominations the Chair of the Organisation committee will give written or verbal feedback to the nominator upon request. However, please note that the detailed discussions of the Awards and Honours subcommittee are held in camera and only the recommendations are recorded, therefore, any feedback will be limited and reflect the consensus reached.