

Call for Master Critical Care Medicine

Fellows of the American College of Critical Care Medicine (FCCM) are invited to nominate other FCCM's for the honor of Master Critical Care Medicine (Master CCM).

Nominations:

FCCM's in good standing may nominate other FCCM's to be a Master CCM; nominations should be submitted to the Manager of Organizational Affairs of SCCM; Colette Punda at cpunda@sccm.org, by April 15 of the year prior to the Convocation at which the title of Master CCM would be conferred. The nominations will then be forwarded to the ACCM Awards Committee.

Candidates:

Individuals who are nominated to be a Master CCM must have been a FCCM for at least five years and have distinguished themselves by achieving national and international professional prominence due to personal character, leadership, eminence in clinical practice, outstanding contributions to research and education in critical care medicine, or years of exemplary service to the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), ACCM, and the field of critical care medicine in its broadest sense.

Application requirements:

- The nominator shall submit a letter of recommendation highlighting the nominee's contributions as outlined above.
- The nominator shall solicit two additional letters of support attesting to the nominee's significant contributions. Both of these letters should be from outside the nominee's current institution (i.e. not a current colleague or research collaborator) but do not necessarily need to be written by other FCCM's.
- The nominator will include the candidate's most recent curriculum vitae in the application.

(Posthumous nominations will be accepted; the first and second requirements must be met. Posthumous nominees must have been a FCCM in good standing for at least five years at time of their death.)

Nominations for individuals not selected in a given year will be carried over for up to two successive years, for a total of three years. The ACCM staff partner will contact the nominator and the co-nominators to determine if they continue to support the nomination of the individual.

If a candidate's nomination is carried over for one or two additional years, the nominator has the option the first time the nomination is carried over of revising the original letter of nomination; if a nomination is carried over a second year the nominator has the option of soliciting one additional letter of support.

If an individual's name is carried over for two consecutive years and the individual is not selected as a Master CCM, a new nomination must be submitted for the individual to be considered again to be a Master CCM. The same rules described above would apply for this and any subsequent nominations.

Council and Board of Regent Members:

Members of the ACCM Board of Regents and SCCM Council will not be eligible for nomination for the honor of Master CCM until they have been out of office for five years. Members of the Board of Regents may not submit nominations while they are members of the Board.

Selection:

The ACCM Awards Committee will review the nominations and decide which nominees should be presented to the ACCM Board of Regents.

The Awards Committee will judge a candidate based on the following criteria (not all criteria need apply but the committee will judge candidates based on the evidence provided in the letters and documented in the nominee's curriculum vitae of excellence in several of the areas):

- Personal attributes that separate the nominee from other Fellows of the College.
- Leadership in critical care medicine as evidenced by current and past academic and organizational positions.
- Contributions to SCCM/ACCM with emphasis on the significance of the contributions to furthering the goals and missions of the Society and the College.
- Contributions to critical care medicine through other medical societies, agencies, or organizations that impact the delivery of critical care medicine.
- Research grants and projects (Investigator initiated grants that are funded through a peer reviewed process) on which the nominee was the principle investigator.
- Teaching accomplishments, especially those that impact the training of health care professionals in critical care medicine. (The nominator should highlight the impact of the accomplishments at the national and international level.)
- Contributions to the community and volunteer work (e.g., assistance during disasters)
- Publications (especially those with significant scientific impact)
- Awards and honors

The election of Master CCM will be by a majority vote of the ACCM Board of Regents at its Fall board meeting with approval by SCCM Council at its Fall meeting.

During the first five years that the honor is conferred (2012-2017) there will be no limit to the number of Master CCM's selected. Thereafter, there will be a limit of five Master CCM's selected in a given year; however, there is no requirement that the Board or Council select a Master CCM in any particular year. If the Master CCM is to be awarded posthumously, the recipient's award will be included in the number of awards that can be given annually.

Conferral:

The designation as a Master CCM will be conferred at the next SCCM Congress. However, participation in the College's Convocation is not a requirement for the title to be awarded.

Benefits:

Master CCMs are authorized to use the designation Master CCM in connection with their professional activities, as long as their SCCM membership remains current and they remain an FCCM member in good standing. The Master CCM will receive a diploma from the College. Master CCM's otherwise enjoy the same privileges as FCCM's, assuming they remain in good standing within the College.