

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD FOR MATERNAL HEALTH, EMPOWERMENT, AND GENDER EQUALITY

Background:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is the nation's leading professional association of physicians providing health care for women. The Office of Global Women's Health (OGWH) leverages the strengths of ACOG's more than 57,000 members to bring expertise and program implementation to global partnerships to improve care for women around the world. Our global work is a complement to our domestic programs, to ensure that every woman, everywhere, gets the best possible care in reproductive health. ACOG Fellows are a valuable part of this mission.

Purpose of the Award:

This award serves to recognize and extend sincere gratitude to an ACOG Fellow who has worked for the betterment of maternal and child health, women's empowerment and gender equality in an international setting (outside the continental U.S.).

Number and Distribution of Awards:

This award considers one recipient. Nominations will be solicited from within each District of the College. Each District may submit *one* nominee to the ACOG Office of Global Women's Health by **November 30th** of each calendar year. Awardees will be selected and notified no later than **December 31st** by the ACOG Office of Global Women's Health.

Award Criteria:

Persons Eligible/Ineligible:

This award considers an ACOG Fellow who is in good standing and who has demonstrated service to a vulnerable or at-risk population in an international setting. ACOG Past Presidents, current ACOG Executive Board members, and those who have previously received any award for their service at the ACOG Annual Meeting are ineligible to be nominated. The award is not to be given as a recognition of activities related to service to ACOG or activities that are based on support of the specialty in legislative or regulatory decisions.

Period of Service:

This award considers an ACOG Fellow who is currently or was involved in an international service activity within the past three to five years.

Services to be Recognized:

- Delivery of high quality care in a challenging or remote international setting.
- Meaningful participation or leadership of in-country training, delivery of care, or policy work.
- Spearheading the collaboration, partnership and/or relationship-building within the international healthcare field that led to implementing an intervention or educational opportunity that helps advance the issue of maternal or reproductive healthcare worldwide.
- Commitment to designing healthcare interventions or efforts that consider sustainability and long term impact.
- Service as an advocate for gender equality, women and children's health, and global health rights

Benefits:

The recipient will receive a \$1,000 award and complimentary registration to the ACOG Annual Meeting. *Transportation to the Annual Meeting and hotel expenses are not included in this award.*

The recipient shall be presented with a Certificate at the Annual Meeting during the luncheon portion of the University Partners Program.

Nomination Submission:

Each District is kindly requested to submit its letter of nomination (no more than 750 words) and the curriculum vitae of its nominee to the ACOG Office of Global Women's Health at gwh@acog.org no later than **November 30th** of the calendar year.

For more information or for further questions concerning this award, please contact the Office of Global Women's Health at gwh@acog.org