

## ROBERT W. KIRK AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

### Purpose:

The Robert W. Kirk Award for Professional Excellence provides an avenue for recognition of outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the veterinary profession by ACVIM Diplomates. A single award is given annually during the ACVIM Forum.

### Eligibility:

1. Active and inactive Diplomates of ACVIM are eligible.
2. Except for rare and exceptional circumstances, a period of at least fifteen years must elapse after receipt of the veterinary degree before an individual becomes eligible.
3. Once nominated, individuals will remain in consideration for the award for three years.
4. Individuals are not eligible while they are serving as members of the Board of Regents, as elected officers of any specialty, or as members of the selection committee for this award. Individuals who are ineligible for the award in 2021 are listed on the next page.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Having an outstanding career in veterinary medicine with national and international recognition for one's contributions. Selection is based on the life career of the nominee rather than on a single activity or incident.
2. Production of major published works and/or development of significant diagnostic, therapeutic or control techniques and/or procedures.
3. Sustained (15 or more years) service as a veterinarian in such activities as clinical medical practice, instruction, research and/or public service.
4. Demonstrated mentorship to interns, residents, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, junior faculty or beginning specialists
5. Contributions to veterinary organizations and the ACVIM.

Selection committee is comprised of the immediate past chair and prior past chair of the Board of Regents and the three most recent recipients of the Robert W. Kirk Award.

### Nomination Procedure:

Nomination is made by completing an online nomination application, including the nominee's Curriculum Vitae, a nomination letter and record of service to the ACVIM with at least three supporting letters from colleagues.

Nomination applications are due to the ACVIM by **December 31**. If you have questions, please email [Membership@acvim.org](mailto:Membership@acvim.org).

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