

## THE PETER MAZUR AWARD CRITERIA, POLICY, AND PROCEDURES

### A. Purpose

Peter Mazur made significant contributions to cryobiology over a career that spanned decades, starting in the 1950s and continuing until his death in 2015. The purpose of the Peter Mazur award is to **recognize individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions to cryobiology over the course of their career**. Contributions to cryobiology can include scientific impact through journal publications or other work that produces significant leaps of knowledge with impacts in academia or industry, service to the Society for Cryobiology, or legacy in the form of students, co-workers or staff who continue to have an impact in the field. The Peter Mazur Award is intended to represent the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Society for Cryobiology.

### B. Policy

1. The number of Peter Mazur Award Winners in any one year will not exceed one and may be zero.
2. The nominee shall be living at the time of their nomination.
3. The nominee must agree to their nomination.
4. Nominees do not have to be members of the Society.
5. Candidates must be nominated by a member of the Society for Cryobiology.
6. The Peter Mazur Award Committee will consist of the President, President-Elect, 3 Peter Mazur Award winners (or CryoFellows in the event that there are less than 3 Peter Mazur Award Winners available), and two other members in good standing of the Society for Cryobiology who will be appointed jointly by the President and the President-Elect.
7. The members of the Peter Mazur Award Committee shall serve the same 2-year term as Society for Cryobiology Officers.
8. The Peter Mazur Award Committee will annually submit its list of candidates, if any, to the Board of Governors prior to the Annual Meeting.

### C. Application Materials

1. A narrative biography in support of the nomination that includes the nominee's contact details and summarizes the nominee's contributions to cryobiology.
2. A resume/CV, which must contain a full list of the nominee's contributions to cryobiology, including publications, scientific trainees and service to the Society for Cryobiology.
3. At least 3 letters of support from respected members of the cryobiology community.

### D. Criteria for Selection

Nominations will be considered by a committee comprising the Society for Cryobiology President, President-Elect and five additional members as described above. This committee will take the following criteria into account, with each criterion weighted as indicated.

Consistent dedication to cryobiology during the candidate's career, leading to:

- Extraordinary scientific merit and impact, including innovation and discoveries leading to important leaps of knowledge (50%)
- Pivotal publications, patents, or other scholarly work on the topic of cryobiology and/or its applications (30%).
- Legacy in the form of students, other trainees, or other investigators influenced by or brought into cryobiological research by the candidate (10%).
- Service to the Society for Cryobiology (10%).

#### **E. Procedure**

- 1)** The nominator, and the Peter Mazur Committee, where necessary, shall be responsible for developing appropriate documentation to permit in-depth evaluation of each candidate's qualifications. This documentation will be presented to the Board of Governors for each nomination.
- 2)** The Peter Mazur Committee may recommend candidates to the Board of Governors by a non-unanimous but supermajority (at least 5 of the 7 committee members must approve of the recommendation) vote of the committee members. Committee members may indicate their approval or disapproval of submitted nominees to the Committee by a simple yes or no vote or with more extensive commentary as may be desired by individual members of the committee. Individual committee members may change their votes if so persuaded after discussion within the committee. In the event of a non-unanimous recommendation to the Board, the vote tallies in favor and opposed will be reported to the Board, and an account will be given to the Board of the discussed arguments in favor and against, if any.
- 3)** The Board of Governors will discuss and vote to approve (or oppose) any nominees recommended by the Peter Mazur Award Committee. Approval will require at least a two-thirds vote in favor of approval after consideration of the complete nomination package.
- 4)** The Board of Governors will name any new Peter Mazur award winners at its Annual Meeting if appropriate, and post the names of all Peter Mazur Award Winners on the Society for Cryobiology's website.
- 5)** Peter Mazur Award Winners will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting of the Society for Cryobiology. Generally, at the annual meeting in the year following the year in which they have been named Peter Mazur awardees, newly recognized winners will be presented with a commemorative plaque and will, if possible, give an invited presentation describing their research and experience in cryobiology.