Each year, the American Federation for Aging Research honors leaders in science, business, and philanthropy for their contributions to the field of aging. To date, AFAR has given more than 30 of our awards of distinction. Learn about these prestigious awards and distinguished recipients here.

HONORARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

These awards recognize the achievements of individuals and organizations whose work has impacted the field of aging research and improved public health.

- **George M. Martin, MD,**
  Professor of Pathology Emeritus, University of Washington School of Medicine (2015)

- **Corinne H. Rieder, EdD,**
  Executive Director and Treasurer, John A. Hartford Foundation (2014)

- **Rose W. Dobrof, DSW,**
  Brookdale Professor of Gerontology at Hunter College, Founding Director of the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity (2011)

- **Robert N. Butler, MD,**
  President and CEO, International Longevity Center (2009)

- **John W. Rowe, MD,**
  Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University (2008)

- **T. Franklin Williams, MD,**
  Former Director, The National Institute on Aging, Board Member Emeritus, AFAR (2007)

- **Hinda Rosenthal,**

- **Rev. Monsignor Charles J. Fahey,**
  AFAR Emeritus Board Member; Marie Ward Doty Professor of Aging Studies, Emeritus, Fordham University (2006)

GEORGE E. AND MARIE J. DOTY AWARD

Named in tribute to two extraordinary people, this award recognizes lay visionaries who through their generosity and compassion have laid the foundation and advanced the mission of AFAR, helping to populate the field with more scientists focused on aging research and clinicians trained in geriatric care. Their contributions will have an impact for years to come.

- **The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation**
  (2013)

- **Fredric B. Garonzik,**
  AFAR Emeritus Director, Former Partner Goldman Sachs & Co. (posthumous recognition) (2009)

- **John C. Whitehead,**
  Former Co-Chairman, Goldman Sachs & Co., Former Deputy Secretary of State (2009)

CHAIRMAN’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

This award is named in honor of AFAR’s previous chairs and is presented to lay individuals or members of the corporate or foundation community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the field of aging research through his or her activities and support of those involved in the field.

- **Roger Nitsch, MD,**
  Founder and President, Neurimmune (2015)

- **Andrew Sieg,**
  Managing Director and Head of Global Wealth & Retirement Services, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (2014)

- **Andrew Chan, MD, PhD, and Michael Varney, PhD**
  Genentech (2013)
FRED D. THOMPSON AWARD

This award is named in honor of the founding chairman of AFAR's board of directors and is presented to lay individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to furthering medical research. Their unwavering support of science and scientists has helped advance the field of aging research and serves as a model for public engagement.

- Michael Hodin, PhD,
  Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, Executive Director of the Global Coalition of Aging (2012)

- Nancy M. Kissinger,
  Trustee emerita, Rockefeller University (2013)

- Norman H. Volk,

- Lawrence J. Ellison,
  Chief Executive Officer, Oracle Corporation (2004)

AFAR AWARD

This award is presented to lay individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of aging research.

- Brian Daniels, MD,
  Senior Vice President of Global Development and Medical Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb (2012)

- Mehmood Khan, MD,
  CEO, Global Nutrition Group and Chief Scientific Officer, PepsiCo (2011)

- Sam and Ann Barshop,
  Founders of the Sam and Ann Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (2010)

- Sylvain Durrleman, MD, PhD
  Vice President and Head of Aging Therapeutic Strategy, Sanofi-Aventis Research and Development, France (2010)

- Bill Novelli,
  Professor, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University; former CEO, AARP (2010)

- Clarence E. Pearson,
  Global Health Advocate (2010)

- John C. Erickson,
  Chairman and Founder, Erickson Retirement Communities (2009)

- Husseini K. Manji, MD, FRCPC,
  Global Head, Neuroscience
  Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development (2009)

- Peter D. Meldrum,
  President and CEO, Myriad Genetics, Inc. (2008)

- Christoph Westphal, MD, PhD,
  CEO and Vice Chair, Sirtris Pharmaceuticals (2008)

- Diane A. Nixon,
  Board Member, AFAR (2007)

- John L. (Launny) Steffens,
  Managing Director, Spring Mountain Capital (2007)

- Allen D. Roses, MD,
  Senior Vice President, Pharmacogenetics GlaxoSmithKline (2007)

- Douglas J. LaVigne,
  Senior Vice President, Business Management, Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. (2006)

- Richard L. Sprott, PhD,
  Executive Director, The Ellison Medical Foundation (2005)

- Zach W. Hall, PhD,
  President, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (2005)

- Joseph M. Feczko,

Across all of AFAR’s Awards of Distinction, to date, awardees have included: