



Outstanding Cardiovascular and Pulmonary PT Resident of the Year **Award Description**

This award honors a physical therapy resident who has excelled in their cardiovascular and pulmonary specialty residency program by demonstrating exceptional clinical expertise, academic achievement, professional growth, and contributions to the profession. As part of this award, the recipient will receive a financial stipend towards future continuing education opportunities. The awardee will be recognized at APTA CSM.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Residency Graduation:** The nominee must have graduated from an accredited cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy residency program within the past calendar year.
2. **Program Accreditation:** The residency program must be in candidate status or accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE).

Nomination Requirements

- Letter of Support: At least two letters of support from residency faculty or mentors.

Examples of Excellence in Residency

- Evidence of current and potential contributions to cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy.
- Promotion of best practice patterns within cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy through teaching, mentoring, and scholarly work.
- Demonstrates exceptional professional conduct and interprofessional collaboration.
- Promotion of ethical standards and professional conduct.
- Contributions to the American Physical Therapy Association at the national, component, and/or district levels.
- Dedicated service to the community through activities that enhance quality of life, function, and societal well-being for patients with cardiovascular and pulmonary impairments.
- Contributions to advance and promote continued residency education.

Procedure for Nomination:

The nomination letter must be submitted via the website no later than October 1st.

The Nominating Committee will collect and review all nominations submitted by the deadline. During their review, the Nominating Committee will:

- Verify that all nominations are complete
- Verify that nominees are members in good standing with APTA and the Academy
- Rank the nominees according to the number of criteria categories for which information has been provided

Review of the nominations will take no longer than 4 weeks from the deadline. Upon completion of the initial review, the Nominating Committee Chair will forward the nominations and the results of the review to the Academy Officers for final review and award determination.

Procedure for Notification of Award by the Academy

Award recipients will receive notification of the award after the October board of directors meeting.

Acknowledgment of the recipient will be presented at the Academy's Annual Membership Meeting at CSM if the recipient is in attendance. If the recipient is unavailable to attend CSM, then the award acknowledgement will be mailed to him/her following the meeting.

An announcement celebrating their award also will be placed in various Academy media.