

Carlton Fillauer Prize Overview

The [Carlton Fillauer Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Prosthetic Science and Practice](#) (*i.e.*, the Carlton Fillauer Prize) is an endowed prize sponsored by the Fillauer Companies. It will be bestowed by the Orthotics and Prosthetics Education and Research Foundation (OPERF) Board of Directors, under recommendation by a Review Committee.

Intent of the Prize

The Carlton Fillauer Prize sponsor intends for this prize to serve as an award for mid-career (or later) prosthetists who have actively engaged in clinical care, research, and publication. Recipients are intended to serve as a model for younger clinicians and to encourage them to pursue clinically-relevant research and publication throughout their careers.

Upon request of the sponsor, the Carlton Fillauer Prize will be awarded to “*an individual who has made significant or substantial contribution to the practice or understanding of the science of prosthetics within the last 5 years.*”

Prize Specifics

- The prize will be named the “Carlton Fillauer Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Prosthetic Science and Practice” and may be referred to as the “Carlton Fillauer Prize.”
- The prize will be given biennially, as funds allow.
- The prize will be given to a single recipient, as selected by the OPERF Board of Directors.
 - o If a suitable candidate is not nominated or does not meet the requirements of the Board of Directors, the prize may be postponed until the next annual year or the next submission cycle (as determined by the Board of Directors).
- The prize is a one-time award. Recipients cannot receive the prize more than once.
- The award includes a cash award of \$5,000. This award is provided to the recipient to recognize their contribution to science and dedication to improving prosthetic clinical care.
 - o This prize is not a research grant and is therefore not required to be spent on existing or future research efforts.
 - o Any and all financial or tax liabilities associated with acceptance of the Carlton Fillauer Prize is the responsibility of the recipient.
- The prize will be announced and awarded at the [Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium](#) following the solicitation cycle.
- The prize recipient may be invited to speak at the Opening Session of the [Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium](#).

Submissions for the Carlton Fillauer Prize will be reviewed every two years. Each submission cycle, a Review Committee will be formed by the OPERF Board of Directors. This committee may or may not include members of the OPERF Research and Education Committees. The goal of this review is to identify the most appropriate candidate(s) for the Carlton Fillauer Prize and make this recommendation to the OPERF Board of Directors.

Letters of Recommendation

Nominations for the Carlton Fillauer Prize must include a minimum of three (and a maximum of five) letters of recommendation for the nominee. Letters of recommendation should be included in the application package. Letters should be requested from individuals who can describe the nominee's clinical and/or scientific qualifications for the Carlton Fillauer Prize.

Nomination submissions

Submissions for Carlton Fillauer Prize nominations may be submitted through email (to the OPERF Research Committee chair at fillauerapp@operf.org) or by standard postal mail. Mail submissions must be received by the nomination deadline. OPERF is not responsible for lost mail. Mail-in applicants are encouraged to notify the Research Committee Chairperson by email of mailing and to confirm acceptance of the nomination materials.

Review Process

The Review Committee will review and score submissions and make a recommendation as to the most appropriate candidate or candidates to the Board. The following timeline details the selection process for the Carlton Fillauer Prize. The process begins approximately four (4) months prior to the [Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium](#) and culminates in the award announcement at the meeting.

Date*	Event
November 30	Nominations due Review Committee assembled
December 31	Nomination packages verified and completed (if necessary) Review Committee finalized Nomination packages disseminated to Review Committee Nomination evaluation begins
January 31	Reviewed/scored nominations due Review Committee and OPERF Board teleconference to discuss candidates OPERF Board select final recipient
Refer to http://academyannualmeeting.org/ for date	Prize awarded to recipient at the Academy Annual Meeting & Scientific Symposium Recipient presents at the Opening Ceremony

Review Committee

The OPERF Board of Directors will select a Prize Review Committee to assist in evaluating the Carlton Fillauer Prize nominations. The committee will include individuals familiar with prosthetic science, research, and clinical care. The size of the Committee will vary according to the number of submitted nominations but will include at least three (3) individuals. A Review Committee Chairperson, appointed by the OPERF Board, will serve as a liaison to the Board throughout the review process. The Chair may or may not be a member of the OPERF Board.

Review Procedure

Upon acceptance of all Carlton Fillauer Prize nominations, the Chairperson will assemble nomination packages for all applicants and disseminate electronic copies of the packages to the Review Committee. Each nomination will be reviewed by at least two (2) committee members. Reviewers will be provided with the following documents in order to assess each nominee: (1) completed nomination form; (2) applicant's CV or resume; (3) relevant publications,² and (4) letters of reference.

Reviewers are required to carefully and thoroughly review each nomination. This is expected to include a review of the applicant's provided scientific publications, a review of letters-of-reference, and completion of the Carlton Fillauer Prize Evaluation Form. This form is to be used as a means to score each nomination and provide additional notes that are to be passed along to the OPERF Board. Final decisions regarding the Carlton Fillauer Prize rests with the OPERF Board of Directors.

Contact Information

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² Nominators are responsible for providing electronic copies of references, if at all possible. Please contact OPERF if assistance is required.

