

The Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA)

Hall of Fame

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear criteria and a consistent process for selecting inductees into the ACUA Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional and sustained service to the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA). This recognition celebrates long-term contributions that have significantly shaped the organization through leadership, mentorship, and professional excellence.

Policy Owner

ACUA Executive Committee (EC)

Scope

This policy applies to all current and former ACUA members who are eligible for Hall of Fame consideration, as well as to ACUA Board members responsible for nominating, reviewing, and selecting inductees. It governs the nomination timeline, eligibility criteria, and recognition process for the Hall of Fame designation. The policy is intended to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness in honoring ACUA's most impactful contributors.

Policy Statement

The ACUA Hall of Fame is the highest honor awarded by the Association, recognizing individuals whose enduring commitment and impactful service have advanced ACUA's mission and strengthened its community. Inductees are selected based on a comprehensive evaluation of their service duration, leadership roles, professional contributions, and influence within the organization. The selection process is led by the ACUA Board and is not open to public nominations.

I. Overview

- a. Inductees into the ACUA Hall of Fame will have a distinguished record of service, including leading multiple committees, delivering impactful conference presentations, mentoring future leaders, and consistently giving back to the profession.
- b. While many may have previously received ACUA member awards, this recognition represents the highest level of appreciation for their enduring influence and legacy within the ACUA community.
- c. Both current members and retirees are eligible for this honor.
- d. The nomination process is led by the ACUA Board, with board members responsible for submitting nominations.
 - i. While board members may receive input from the broader membership, the process itself will not be publicly announced or open for general submissions.
- e. Through this initiative, the ACUA Board seeks not only to preserve the legacy of its most dedicated volunteers but also to inspire others to pursue excellence and leadership in service to the organization.

II. Criteria Nomination

- a. Service Duration and Scope - The nominee has demonstrated a consistent commitment to ACUA by volunteering in multiple capacities or roles over a period of 15+ years.
- b. Previous Recognition - The nominee may have previously received one or more of the ACUA Awards: Member Excellence in Service, Outstanding Professional Contributions, Rising Star.
- c. Impact and Contribution - The nominee has made significant, measurable contributions through initiatives, projects, or programs that have positively impacted the organization and its mission.
- d. Dedication and Commitment - The nominee has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to ACUA's Core Values and Strategic Plans and continually showcased enthusiasm and willingness to contribute time and effort.
- e. Leadership and Influence - The nominee has been a leader who has influenced the community culture by inspiring others to take on leadership roles, actively mentoring other volunteers, or generally motivating peers by fostering a collaborative and supportive environment.
- f. Innovation and Initiative - The nominee has introduced new ideas or strategies that improve processes or outcomes and has shown initiative in identifying and addressing challenges.

III. Nomination and Selection Process

- a. Nomination Announcement - Board members will bring forth nominations for Hall of Fame inductees at the May Board Meeting, which is in line with the ACUA award nomination process.
- b. Submission of Nominations - Board members bringing forth the nomination will complete a form outlining how the nominee meets the six criteria. The form will be provided to all board members prior to the May board meeting by the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Executive Director.
- c. Review and Shortlisting - Discussion of the nominees will be an agenda item for the May board meeting. The board members will discuss how the nominees align with the established criteria.
- d. Final Selection/Approval by the Board – At the May board meeting, the board will undertake a deliberation process to select the nominee(s) who best meet the criteria.
- e. The number of ACUA Hall of Fame inductees can be 1 – 3 per year.
- f. Announcement and Recognition - The selected nominee(s) will be announced at AuditCon and will be added to the ACUA Member Awards webpage. The ACUA Hall of Fame inductees will receive recognition at AuditCon, on social media, and on the ACUA webpage. Recipients will not receive monetary discounts.

IV. Timeline

- a. March - July – Nomination and Selection
- b. August – Recognition Committee to order the awards
- c. September – Announce winners at AuditCon

Compliance

All ACUA Board members are expected to adhere to the nomination and selection procedures outlined in this policy. The Executive Committee will ensure that the criteria and process are communicated annually and that nominations are reviewed fairly and consistently. Any deviation from the established process must be documented and approved by the Executive Committee.

Exceptions

Nominees who do not meet the minimum 15-year service requirement may still be considered for induction if a documented justification is provided and approved by the ACUA Board. Exceptions to the annual limit of inductees may be made in the inaugural year or under special circumstances as determined by the Board.

Definitions

ACUA: Association of College and University Auditors

Inductee: An individual selected for inclusion in the ACUA Hall of Fame

Executive Committee (EC): A subset of the ACUA Board responsible for oversight of policies and procedures

Nomination Form: A standardized document used by Board members to propose candidates for induction, detailing how the nominee meets the established criteria

AuditCon: ACUA's annual conference, where Hall of Fame inductees are formally recognized

Contacts

1. **Primary Contact:** ACUA President
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Approval and Revision History

1. **Approved By:** Board of Directors, July 17, 2025.

ACUA Hall of Fame Inductee Criteria and Process

Overview:

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Criteria for Nomination:

1. **Service Duration and Scope** - The nominee has demonstrated a consistent commitment to ACUA by volunteering in multiple capacities or roles over a period of 15+ years. Nominees without 15+ years of service may be eligible to receive the designation with a documented explanation.
2. **Previous Recognition** - The nominee may have previously received one or more of the ACUA Awards: Member Excellence in Service, Outstanding Professional Contributions, Rising Star.
3. **Impact and Contribution** - The nominee has made significant, measurable contributions through initiatives, projects, or programs that have positively impacted the organization and its mission.
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Nomination and Selection Process:

1. **Nomination Announcement** - Board members will bring forth nominations for Hall of Fame inductees at the May Board Meeting, which is in line with the ACUA award nomination process. In the inaugural year, the nominations will occur at the July board meeting. The EC will provide the criteria and deadline prior to the May board meeting (July for the inaugural year). The criteria will be memorialized in the ACUA Recognition Policies.
2. **Submission of Nominations** -Board members bringing forth the nomination will complete a form <add link> outlining how the nominee meets the six criteria. The form will be provided to all board members prior to the May board meeting (July for the inaugural year).
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