ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA
Applicants at all levels of their career are eligible for nomination. Current Kessler Foundation employees are not eligible. To be considered for this award, a nominee must demonstrate significant accomplishments in the following six domains: Publications, Funding, Program Development, Education/Training, Service, and Leadership/Impact on the Field.

TOTAL AWARD
One annual award will be presented in the amount of $50,000

KEY DATES
December 14, 2012: Deadline for receipt of nomination and all application materials
March 15, 2013: Award recipient notification
Note: The recipient must receive the award in person at a presentation event in the spring of 2013, date to-be-determined.

PROGRAM AREA
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)

PURPOSE
This award seeks to identify and reward a physician and/or scientist who has demonstrated a significant impact on the field of PM&R, particularly as it relates to the translation of research and education to patient care.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
Kessler Foundation requests nominations for this award honoring the retired Founding Director of Kessler Foundation Research Center, Dr. Joel A. DeLisa. This annual award recognizes a leader and role model in the field of PM&R, and 2013 marks the award’s third year.

HOW TO APPLY:
Applicants must be nominated by a second party who can attest to the individual's qualifications. The application must include a cover page, accompanied by a concise, two-page statement from the nominator that summarizes the impact that the nominee has had on the field of PM&R and why this individual should be considered for the award. The applicant's current Curriculum Vitae and two letters of recommendation must be included. These will be available at www.KesslerFoundation.org when nominations open on October 1, 2012. Complete application materials must be submitted to the address below by Dec 14, 2012.

CONTACT
For questions, please contact: Julia Stoumbos, Program Manager
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Email for electronic submissions: jstoumbos@KesslerFoundation.org
Kessler Foundation’s Joel A. DeLisa, MD Award for Excellence in Research and Education in the Field of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R)

2012-13 Call for Nominations

Deadline: December 14, 2012

Program Area: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R)

Purpose: This award seeks to identify and reward a physician and/or scientist who has demonstrated a significant impact on the field of PM&R, particularly as it relates to the translation of research and education to patient care.

Program Information: Kessler Foundation requests nominations for its third annual award that honors the founding director of Kessler Foundation’s Research Center, Dr. Joel A. DeLisa. The award recognizes a leader and role model in the field of PM&R. This year’s award will be presented at an event that will take place in the spring of 2013 – details to follow. The award recipient must attend the event in person to receive the award.

How to Apply: Applicants must be nominated by a second party who can attest to the individual’s qualifications. The application must include a cover page, accompanied by a concise, two-page statement from the nominator that summarizes the impact that the nominee has had on the field of PM&R and why this individual should be considered for the award. This summary must address the six domains listed below in the Eligibility and Selection Criteria section. The applicant’s current Curriculum Vitae and two letters of recommendation must be included. Please see the attached Cover Sheet and Instructions. Complete application materials must be submitted to the address below by December 14, 2012.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- Education/Training: demonstrates advanced knowledge within rehabilitation specialty as well as currency in the overall field of PM&R, has membership in professional societies, demonstrates exceptional clinical or research skills
Leadership: makes significant contributions through excellence in mentoring rehabilitation trainees and/or medical students as evidenced by students’ success and achievements, is sought after for his/her expertise and is respected among colleagues, leads original research or clinical programs, receives awards for teaching or research program development

Publications: publishes in premier, peer-reviewed PM&R and related journals, is main author of (or contributor to) authoritative text, is an invited lecturer at major PM&R conferences and events, offers seminars to disseminate new findings at professional conventions

Prior Funding: seeks and receives funding as Principal Investigator on major NIH, NIDRR, Model Systems, Center Grants or other relevant sources of funding

Program Development: establishes creative curriculum design or research programs, transforms a system that impacts field of knowledge in PM&R, integrates advanced research with innovative ways of delivering quality medical rehabilitative care, leading to improved levels of function and independence

Service: has experience as Department Chair, Clinical Director or Team Supervisor, is active on relevant boards and administrative committees, serves as mentor or advisor to rehabilitation trainees and/or medical students

Key Dates: December 14, 2012: Deadline for receipt of nomination and all application materials, including CV and two recommendation letters

March 15, 2013: Award recipient notified

Spring 2013: Award presented in-person at event to-be-announced

Total Award: One annual award will be presented in the amount of $50,000

Contact: For any questions about this award, please contact:
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Instructions for Award Application

Please adhere to the following instructions:

1) Copy and complete the attached cover page.
2) Nominators must include a concise, two-page statement summarizing the impact that the nominee has had on the field of PM&R and why this individual should be considered for this award. This summary must address these six key domains:
   - Education/Training
   - Leadership
   - Publications
   - Prior Funding
   - Program Development
   - Service
3) Attach the applicant’s current Curriculum Vitae
4) Include two letters of recommendation
5) All application materials must be typed
6) Fully completed applications and all required attachments must be submitted by Dec. 14, 2012
7) Complete applications should be submitted electronically to: jstoumbos@kesslerfoundation.org
8) Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Their decisions shall be final.
9) Awardee will be notified no later than March 15, 2013.
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Cover Sheet

Contact Information of Person Completing Nomination Form

Nominator’s First Name:
Nominator’s Last Name:
Nominator’s Title:
Nominator’s Organization or Institution:
Nominator’s Address Line 1:
Nominator’s Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip
Daytime Phone Number:
Email:

Contact Information of Nominee

Nominee First Name:
Nominee Last Name:
Nominee’s Title:
Nominee’s Organization or Institution:
Nominee’s Direct Supervisor:
Nominee’s Address Line 1:
Nominee’s Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip
Daytime Phone Number:
Email:
*Please attach the Nominee’s current Curriculum Vitae, two letters of recommendation, and a brief narrative (2 pages) describing how the candidate meets the award criteria, based on the six domains described in the announcement.