

Alpha Omega Alpha Call for Nominations

The Baylor College of Medicine *Beta* Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha is soliciting nominations of residents, fellows, faculty, and alumni for induction in the 2026 AΩA class. Regardless of other advanced degrees, any M.D. or D.O. member of the BCM community is eligible for consideration if never previously elected to AΩA.

Induction into AΩA at BCM is a lifelong honor which confers recognition for a physician's dedication to the profession through the following dimensions of the AΩA mission:

- recognizing scholarship and research
- honoring gifted teaching
- encouraging the development of leaders in academia
- promoting service and advocacy in medicine

AΩA members are also expected to uphold the highest ideals of professionalism and humanism. Of note, the BCM AΩA chapter is dedicated to ensuring that the members of AΩA are representative of BCM as a whole. For more information, visit: <https://www.alphaomegaalpha.org/about/>

Residents/Fellows:

Eligibility: Any resident **in or beyond their second year of training** and all fellows who have completed a prior residency.

Nominees per program: Each residency or fellowship program may nominate a minimum of one individual and up to 10% of the size of one class. For example, a residency program with 5 residents per year may only nominate one trainee, while a residency program with 35 residents per year may nominate up to 3 trainees.

Requirements:

1. Nomination form (see below)
2. Letter of nomination from the program director of no more than 600 words that specifically addresses the nominee's demonstration of dedication to the various dimensions of AΩA mission (above).
3. Personal statement from the nominee of no more than 600 words that addresses how they see their present and future career reflecting the dimensions of AΩA (above).
4. Full CV

Fees: Each program that nominates a trainee will be required to pay the trainee's initial BCM AOA Chapter fee (\$100) if they are selected for induction.

Faculty:

Eligibility: All M.D. and D.O. BCM faculty members are eligible to be nominated to Alpha Omega Alpha. Nominees from all academic ranks will be considered and there will be reserved spots for at least one assistant professor and one associate professor in the faculty inductee cohort.

Requirements:

1. Nomination form (see below)
2. Letter of nomination from the nominee's chair, division chief, or other direct academic leader of no more than 750 words that specifically addresses the nominee's demonstration of dedication to the various dimensions of AΩA (above).

3. Second letter of recommendation from another faculty member *or trainee* of no more than 600 words that specifically addresses the nominee's demonstration of dedication to the dimensions of AΩA (above).
4. *Optional* personal statement from the nominee of no more than 600 words that addresses how they see their career reflecting the dimensions of AΩA (above).
5. Full CV in BCM format

Alumni:

Eligibility: A BCM medical school alumnus may be self-nominated or peer-nominated. The national guidelines specify that the nominee must have completed medical school and bear a medical degree (M.D or D.O.) from the inducting institution (i.e. fellowship and residency alumni would need to apply to their own medical school for consideration).

1. Requirements: Nomination form (see below)
2. Letter of nomination from the nominee's chair, division chief, or other institutional or hospital/community leader of no more than 750 words that specifically addresses the nominee's demonstration of dedication to the various dimensions of AΩA (above).
3. Optional second letter of recommendation from another colleague, academic peer, *or trainee* of no more than 600 words that specifically addresses the nominee's demonstration of dedication to the various dimensions of AΩA (above).
4. Optional personal statement from the nominee of no more than 600 words that addresses how they see their career reflecting the dimensions of AΩA (above).
5. Full CV

All nomination packets should be submitted electronically to the Office of Student Affairs (stuaff@bcm.edu) by 11:59 pm on January 12, 2026. If a nominee could be considered in multiple categories, **please choose their current BCM affiliation before alumni status**. Please contact Dr. Atul Maheshwari with any questions at atul.maheshwari@bcm.edu.

Sincerely,



Atul Maheshwari, M.D.
BCM Alpha Omega Alpha
Councilor



E. Lee Poythress, M.D.
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Baylor College of Medicine Alpha Omega Alpha Nomination Form

Nominee Full Name and Degree: _____

Nomination Category:

☐ FACULTY: Current Academic Rank and Department _____

☐ ALUMNUS: Graduation year and Program: _____

☐ RESIDENT/FELLOW: Current postgraduate year: _____

Nominee Contact Information:

Email address: _____

Phone number: (c) _____ (w) _____

Nominator Information (Letter #1):

Name: _____

BCM Appointment/Affiliation: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: (c) _____ (w) _____

Nominator Information (Letter #2, if applicable):

Name: _____

BCM Appointment/Affiliation: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: (c) _____ (w) _____