



**International Society for Burn Injuries  
J. Wesley Alexander Research Award  
Sponsored by Professor Mehmet Haberal**

The J. Wesley Alexander Research Award is named after Dr. J. Wesley Alexander who is best known with a long history of excellence in burn injuries and wound care research as well as transplant surgery and postsurgical nutrition. He is widely known for his expertise in preventing surgical infections especially in burn victims. He developed a number of programs including those related to pediatric burn care, bariatric surgery, and organ transplantation, and it is no exaggeration to say that his contributions to both the burn care and transplantation fields have been numerous and invaluable.

Dr. Alexander played key roles in the development of burn and surgical infectious disease programs at the University of Cincinnati. He had been Director of Research for Shriners Hospitals for Children-Cincinnati from 1979 to 1991 and remained affiliated with the hospital until 2015. He began working at the pediatric burn and plastic surgery hospital in 1968, including service as a pediatric burn surgeon.

Dr. Alexander started the organ transplant program at the University of Cincinnati in 1967 and led the division for more than 30 years. He performed UC's first kidney transplant in 1967, the first combined kidney-pancreas transplant in 1970 and first liver transplant in 1986.

His contributions to both the fields of burn care and transplantation made him well-respected among his peers, his trainees and colleagues throughout the world. In 1984-1985 he served as President of the American Burn Association, and in 1988-1989 he served as the 15th President of the ASTS.

**The award recognizes Medical Doctors who have:**

- Advanced in the burn field, especially in pediatric burn care and postsurgical nutrition
- Contributed significantly to the profession of burn care on a national and international level in terms of experimental and clinical research
- Provided guidance in the development of burn care techniques and meticulous care of burn wounds.
- Mentored and trained burn specialists

**Nominations:**

- Members of the ISBI may nominate a candidate for this award through a letter written to the attention of the ISBI Secretary. The letter should clearly indicate why the person nominated is a worthy candidate for this award. Nominations should be sent electronically to [office@worldburn.org](mailto:office@worldburn.org) by June 1 of the Biennial Congress year.
- The candidate's CV should be sent along with the nomination.
- Candidates for the award should be members of the ISBI with a history of serving the society through committee participation, serving on the Executive Committee, active participation in ISBI Congresses through the years (presentations, lectures, organizing symposia, etc.)

**Selection Process:**

All nominations will be submitted to the ISBI Nominating Committee for final approval. The nominating committee will review all nominations and vote to select the recipient of this award.

**Award Announcement:**

The successful candidate will be notified by the ISBI President no later than June 1, the year of the ISBI Congress and they will be asked to deliver a 5-minute talk during the General Assembly. The award includes \$5,000 USD and a certificate and will be awarded at the Biennial ISBI Congress during the General Assembly.