

## **National Awards Committee Volunteers Sought**

**Our task will be to nominate a fellow academy member for the Medallion Award, a prestigious national award given annually by Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (<http://www.eatrightpro.org/resource/leadership/honors-and-awards/national-honors-and-awards/medallion-award>) to members who have shown dedication to the high standards of the nutrition and dietetics profession through active participation, leadership and devotion to serving others in dietetics and allied health fields.**

I am seeking Research DPG members willing to commit to 2-3 annual nomination cycles, with the majority of activities occurring September to March.

Committee activities include:

- Identifying and evaluating potential nominees in a nation-wide search
- Corresponding with short-listed nominees to facilitate development of their nomination package
- Corresponding with the Academy in support of the final nominee

Participation will be via email communications, Skype conference calls, and ideally, an annual in-person meeting at FNCE to finalize nominee selection.

Since the committee will be considering all aspects of nominee career histories, from leadership to mentorship roles, from tangible elected/appointed positions to unique experiences of unusual interest to the profession, a diverse committee membership and perspective will be ideal! This is a great way to enhance your CV with committee activity involvement and to further your professional network by engaging with other Research PDG members.

If you are interested, please email me a brief expression of interest summarizing why this committee activity is of interest to you, and what you have to offer. Expressions of interest can be email to me at: [joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu](mailto:joann.mcdermid@virginia.edu). **The deadline to express your interest is September 15<sup>th</sup>.**