



## American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

September 7, 2023

Michelle Lujan-Grisham, J.D.  
Governor of New Mexico

Dear Honorable Michelle Lujan-Grisham, Governor of New Mexico,

You have been selected as the recipient of the sixth annual American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) Public Service Award for 2023. The ACNP Public Service Award was established in recognition of substantial contributions to affect public policies or other activities related to improving the health of the public with an emphasis on patients with brain diseases. This award is given to an outstanding leader dedicated to serving and educating the public about mental illness. The awardee is committed to advancing research to benefit patients and their loved ones and have an impact on the continued investment in neuroscience research. The award is intended to be an expression of appreciation from the College toward outstanding public leaders, like you, who provide complete, accurate, and unbiased information to the public about brain diseases.

Our selection committee was impressed with your efforts to improve the health of the public, with a particular emphasis on being a fierce champion for senior citizens, veterans, and individuals living with disabilities; for sponsoring the HOPE for Alzheimer’s Act (H.R. 1507); and prioritizing policy changes and education to increase access and treatment of addiction and substance use disorders in New Mexico among many other things.

We would like to invite you and your spouse/guest to attend our 2023 ACNP Annual Meeting as our guest. The hybrid meeting will be December 3-6, 2023 in Tampa, Florida. The awards will be announced virtually prior to the start of the annual meeting and presented during the Annual Meeting. As chair of the Honorific Awards Committee, I will present you with a plaque. We also ask if you and your nominator, Mauricio Tohen, would be willing to answer a few questions about the award in a recorded video that will be available for the meeting attendees once the award winners are announced.

We prefer that this information not be publicly announced until the award is presented prior to the Annual Meeting. However, we understand that it may be necessary for you to share the information with certain colleagues in order to make the necessary plans to attend the hybrid meeting. Please let Rebecca Shannon, [rshannon@acnp.org](mailto:rshannon@acnp.org), know if you plan to attend this year’s annual meeting in-person or virtually.

If you plan to attend the annual meeting in-person, you may stay up to five nights at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street or Tampa Marriott Water Street in Tampa, Florida with your room and tax billed to the ACNP master account. The ACNP will also cover your coach airfare. You may either purchase your own ticket and send the receipt to the ACNP Executive Office for reimbursement after the meeting or call Direct Travel toll-free 800-229-3344 and they will assist you with your travel plans. Please contact Rebecca Shannon, [rshannon@acnp.org](mailto:rshannon@acnp.org) or 615-324-2361, at the ACNP Executive Office if you have any questions or need any assistance in making your travel and hotel arrangements.



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In addition, I am enclosing information about the College and about our Annual Meeting. The ACNP is a professional society, made up of some ~1200 leading scientists in the field of neuropsychopharmacology. You will discover that the ACNP Annual Meeting is considered the best forum in the world for the latest research about the brain, human behavior, and psychotropic drugs. The ACNP Annual Meeting is open only to ACNP members and their invited guests, so its atmosphere is casual and collegial, but exceedingly intellectually stimulating. It is attended by leading academic researchers as well as many of the foremost scientists from the pharmaceutical industry. You will find it to be a delightful and unique opportunity to interact with some very interesting people.

Of course, the College will want to issue a press release regarding the award and may ask someone to contact you for additional information.

On behalf of the Award Selection Committee and the ACNP Council, we thank you for the work you have done and what we hope you will continue to do. We look forward to celebrating your success and contributions to our field.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Zarate, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Carlos A. Zarate, Jr., M.D.  
Chair, Honoric Awards Committee

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