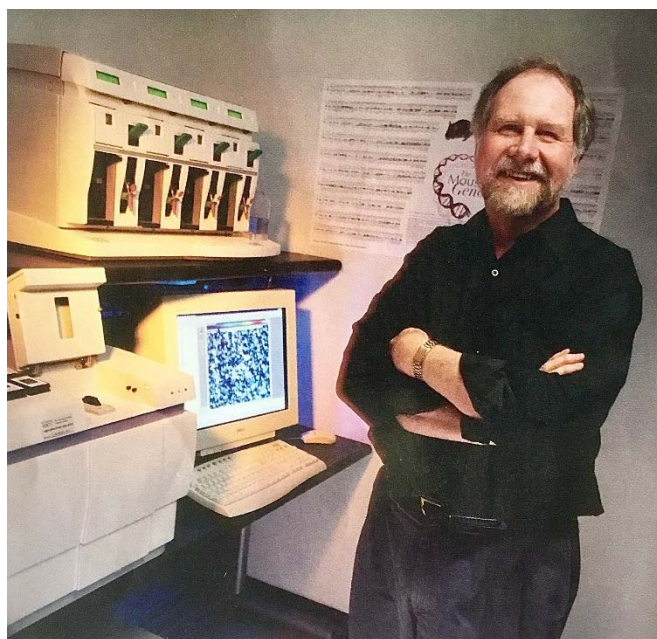




ABRF Alan Smith Mentor of the Year Award

One of the fundamental missions of the ABRF is to promote education and career advancement for its members. It is incumbent upon us to pass our knowledge and experience to colleagues, through formal channels such as conferences and in our Journal, or informally by being a mentor, advisor, or consultant.



Alan Smith had a long history with the ABRF, an organization of which he was very proud to be among the first members and involved with starting the Association. In 1986, Alan co-organized the first satellite meeting held in conjunction with the 6th International Conference on Methods in Protein Sequence Analysis. He was on the Executive Board 1989-1992 and was a member on the Peptide Synthesis/Mass Spectrometry Committee, Nucleic Acid Committee, and Carbohydrate Committee. Alan co-organized many of the early ABRF annual meetings, the last being 2006 in Long Beach, CA.

Throughout his career, Alan was grateful for the many people who offered opportunities and guided and encouraged him to seek greater challenges. He learned from them and as a result, felt it paramount to mentor and support others' efforts both professionally and personally. The **Alan Smith Mentoring Award** was established in 2022 to recognize an ABRF member who has demonstrated a passion for advising and mentoring others. This award recognizes the contributions of Alan Smith to the professional development of others. It is offered to inspire ABRF members to follow his lead in sharing themselves, their knowledge, and their expertise.

The **ABRF Alan Smith Mentor of the Year Award's** benefits include:

- Complimentary ABRF membership
- Complimentary registration for the ABRF Annual Meeting
- Award presentation remarks during Awards program at ABRF Annual Meeting
- \$500 cash award

Please **submit your nominations** [online](#) or by email to the [ABRF Mentor of the Year Review Group](#) including items outlined in the ABRF Mentor of the Year criteria.

ABRF Mentor of the Year Criteria

1. Nominees must be ABRF members.
2. Nominators must be a previous or current mentee(s) of the mentor or be a colleague of the nominee with personal knowledge of the nominee's mentoring qualities and excellence.
3. Nomination letters should include a supporting statement including key elements listed below. Nominating letters should summarize the nominee's impact on mentoring with clear examples of the positive outcomes on colleagues, students, trainees, and/or junior faculty. If the nominator(s) is a mentee, a narrative of how the mentor influenced his/her career(s) and those of others should be included.
 - a. How the mentor has supported your development as a core director or staff member, scientist, and/or clinician?
 - b. What is outstanding about this individual, that goes beyond what is expected of all mentors?
 - c. How does the nominee foster networking skills and provide opportunities to meet scientists in my field?
 - d. In what ways does the nominee positively impact professional development activities?
 - e. Does the nominee have a clear understanding of mentee's career goals and has frank discussions regarding progress?

Please include nominator(s) contact information (email address and mailing address) as well as contact information for the nominee. If an applicant has questions concerning filing an application, please contact the [ABRF Career Development Committee](#).