The Stengel Research Award has been provided since 1977 and is named in honour of the late Professor Erwin Stengel, one of the founders of the IASP. This award is for outstanding research in the field of suicidology, and nominations can be made by any member of IASP.

Members of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) are invited to nominate suitable persons for the Stengel Research Award. Nominees do not necessarily have to be IASP members. The criteria for selection are:

- outstanding and active researcher with at least 10 years of scientific activity in the field, as evidenced by a number of publications in internationally acknowledged journals.
- national leadership in the area.
- suicidology is main (focal) area of interest/work.
- author/co-author of at least one international book.
- reasonable expectation (outline to be submitted) of further research activity in the field.