Call for Nominations for the 2022 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science

The award was established in 1985 by the Drug Science Foundation to honor specifically an individual or team within the state whose achievements and contributions to science in South Carolina merit special recognition and to promote wider awareness of the quality and extent of scientific activity in South Carolina. Since 1989 the award has been under the joint sponsorship of the Governor’s office and South Carolina Academy of Science. Candidates should be currently working in South Carolina or have conducted a substantial portion of their work within the state. Contributions may be in any area of science and may be for service to science through non-formal education in the various media, for exemplary exposition at the college or university level, or as an acknowledgement for significant outstanding formal research. The award may be given to an individual or a team. Nominations for collaborative work are encouraged for each award.

Since 2010 four awards have been given annually:

**Excellence in Scientific Research (ESR)**
Presented to a scientist whose contributions to scientific discovery merit special recognition and have impacted the respective discipline on a national and international basis.

**Young Scientist Award for Excellence in Scientific Research (YESR)**
Directed to a gifted young researcher who has completed no more than 12 years beyond the Ph.D. and has demonstrated the potential for major contributions to his or her discipline.

**Excellence in Scientific Awareness (ESA)**
Presented to a candidate whose achievements have had significant impact on science education in South Carolina, have promoted wider awareness of science, and are of such high quality that they merit special recognition. These achievements may be in the realm of formal education activities or service to science through non-formal education in the various media. They should impact science education or science awareness on a regional and national basis as well as South Carolina.

**Excellence in Scientific Research at a Predominantly Undergraduate Institution (PUI)**
Recognizes an individual whose achievements and contributions to science over at least a 10-year period at a predominately undergraduate South Carolina university or college merit special recognition.

Collaborative (team) awards are encouraged and are eligible in each category.

**NOTE:** For a team award, there should be clear evidence of collaboration between members directed toward a common scientific goal (e.g., via jointly authored publications and multi-investigator grant awards), and letters of support should emphasize the contributions of the team more so than its individuals. In the case of a team award, the honorarium will be distributed equally.

The deadline for receipt of nominations and supporting documentation is December 7, 2021.

**Recipients will need to be present at the SC Academy of Science Annual Meeting at the University of South Carolina Aiken in Aiken, SC, on April 2, 2022.**

In addition, winners will need to meet with the Governor at a date in the spring or early summer to be determined for the official presentation by the Governor.

The winner of the Excellence in Scientific Research Award is expected to help coordinate the Governor’s Award Special Issue of the Journal of the South Carolina Academy of Science.
The Governor’s Award Committee tentatively will meet in late January 2022. The official announcement of winners will be communicated directly from the Governor’s Office. (Usually announced in late February or early March).

The 2022 Governor’s Award Announcement with Nomination Form is posted at http://www.scacademysci.org.

Please submit nominations and reference letters online at https://scacademysci.org/governors-award.

Links to the 2022 nomination form and a list of past winners can be found at http://scacademysci.org/. 

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