Limited Submission Opportunity

2021 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists – Life Sciences

Applications due September 17

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC): This is a joint competition for VU and VUMC investigators. All investigators should follow these instructions.

Vanderbilt (VU + VUMC, collaboratively) may submit one nomination for the 2021 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists in the Life Sciences. These awards honor exceptional young scientists by celebrating their extraordinary achievements, recognizing their inspiring promise, and accelerating their innovations. Awardees will receive $250,000 in unrestricted funds.

Eligibility Criteria
The nominee must:

- Have been born in or after 1979
- Hold a doctorate level degree (PhD, DPhil, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.)
- Currently hold a tenured or tenure-track faculty position
- Currently conduct research as a principal investigator in one of the following:
  Agricultural & Animal Sciences, Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology, Clinical Medicine & Epidemiology, Computational Biology, Bioinformatics & Systems Biology, Developmental Biology, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Genetics & Genomics, Immunology, Microbiology, Molecular & Cellular Biology, Neuroscience
- The Blavatnik Awards strongly encourages the nomination of women and underrepresented groups in STEM.

Guidelines for Selection
Each nominee and their body of work will be evaluated based on the quality of their research, the impact on their respective field, the novelty of their ideas and methods, and the potential they show for future contributions to science.

Application Materials
Anyone interested in being considered as a nominee must submit the following materials by September 17, 2020.

1. Brief description of your research (2 page max, excluding references.) Recommended topics (from instructions):
   - Summarize up to five of your most significant scientific contributions and research accomplishments.
   - Key results, their impact on your field of study, and your specific role in the described work should be included.
   - Information about your positions, awards, and service activities should be excluded.
2. Professional Service and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement (1/2 - 1 page.)
   Recommended topics (from instructions):
   - Outreach activities and/or professional service, with particular focus on activities and service related to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the scientific community

3. Letter of support from department chair/center director

4. NIH Biosketch or Brief CV (5 page max)

Application Process

- Faculty interested in the Life Sciences award category should apply by emailing the above-listed application materials as a single PDF to LSO@Vanderbilt.edu by 9/17/2020.

Any questions about this opportunity or the LSO process can be directed to LSO@vanderbilt.edu