New York Academy of Sciences – 2016 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists

Sponsor: The New York Academy of Sciences/The Blavatnik Family Foundation
Program: 2016 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists
Estimated Award Amount: $250,000 in unrestricted funds; opportunity to publish in *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* on the topic for which he/she is being honored
JHU Nomination Limit: 1 per category (3 total): Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry
For more detailed information: Blavatnik National Awards; See full FAQ

The Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists recognize the country's most promising young faculty-rank scientists and engineers in the disciplinary categories of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry. The Blavatnik National Awards will be conferred at a ceremony held in New York City in the fall of 2016.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Have been born in or after 1974; hold a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).
- Currently hold a faculty position at an invited institution in the United States.
- Have made significant research contributions to the Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, or Chemistry during their independent career as a principal investigators.
- Previously nominated individuals who were not selected as Laureates in past Awards cycles may be nominated again.

Internal Nomination Process:

Interested nominators should send the following documents **in sequence in one email** to resapp@jhu.edu no later than **4 p.m. on October 16, 2015**:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet (to be completed by the nominator)
2. Nominator's Rationale for Nomination: statement addressing why you are nominating this nominee (200 word maximum). This should address the nominee's strong record of significant independent scientific contributions, early career success, and promise of sustained or accelerated progress in the future. The Rationale should also address the nominee's research according to the Quality, Impact, Novelty, and Promise evaluation criteria described below.
3. Nominee's Curriculum Vitae; see format below (4-page maximum, PDF, Label file: LastName_FirstName-CV.pdf)
4. Nominee's Research Summary (Label file: LastName_FirstName-Summary.pdf): A 1,000-word maximum summary of up to five of the nominee's most significant scientific contributions and research accomplishments. Key results, their impact on the nominee's field of study, and the nominee's specific role in the described work should be included. Information about the nominee's positions, awards, and service activities should be excluded. One figure illustrating the most significant results is allowed. Citations and figure caption do not count toward the word limit.
5. Full-text publications and/or patents representing the nominee's work. Each publication should not be larger than 10MB (up to 4 publications, PDF, Label files: LastName_FirstName-Pub1.pdf, etc.).

6. Two (2) letters of support (Note: These can be submitted separately to resapp@jhu.edu stating the nominee's name in the subject line): Letters of support should:
   - Be a maximum of two pages, single-spaced, and uploaded as PDF files.
   - Describe the nominee's most significant research contributions according to the *Quality, Impact, Novelty*, and *Promise* criteria and explain their importance for the nominee's research area.
   - Assess the nominee's accomplishments in comparison with those of his or her peers at the same career stage.
   - Focus on the nominee's scientific accomplishments during his/her independent career and omit the details of the graduate and postdoctoral work or information typically included in the CV, such as positions and awards.

Curriculum Vitae: ([see example here](#))

- 4 pages maximum.
- Name, current institution(s), and position title.
- Education and training, including postdoctoral training and/or residency.
- Employment history.
- Honors and awards with years when they were received.
- Select peer-reviewed publications – List only published work or manuscripts in press authored during independent career; do not include manuscripts that are submitted or in preparation or those published during graduate or postdoctoral studies. Conference abstracts and proceedings should only be included if they are the primary way of disseminating new results in the nominee's field, such as in computer science and mathematics.
- Select patents and patent applications, with years.
- Research grants – List funding for the main ongoing and completed projects on which the nominee is a PI or a co-PI.

Evaluation Criteria:

Nominees and their work will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- *Quality*: The extent to which the work is reliable, valid, credible, and scientifically rigorous.
- *Impact*: The extent to which the work addresses an important problem and is influential in the nominee's field.
- *Novelty*: The extent to which the work challenges existing paradigms, employs new methodologies or concepts, and/or pursues an original question.
- *Promise*: Future prospects in the nominee's field and potential for further significant contributions to science.

Each applicant should expect to receive a confirmation of receipt of their materials. If an applicant does not receive an acknowledgement, or has any questions, please contact **Janet Palmer via resapp@jhu.edu, or by phone to 410-516-5917.**

Previous Johns Hopkins Finalists:
2014 (first year of award) National Award Finalist in the Life Sciences: Sinisa Urban