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### President Bush Announces New Medal of Science Laureates

President Bush recently announced the recipients of the 2005 and 2006 Medal America's highest honor for scientific achievement. The recipients will receive 1 medals in a ceremony on July 28th.

An NSF press release is available here: [http://www.nsf.gov/news/news\\_summ\\_cntn\\_id=109741](http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ_cntn_id=109741)  
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Scheduling information about the ceremony is available here: [pressrelease\\_medalofscienceceremony\\_070724.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/pressrelease_medalofscienceceremony_070724.pdf) (press release from the Office of Science and Technology Policy)

### Background

The National Medal of Science was established by the 86th Congress in 1959 as a Presidential Award to be given to individuals "deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical or engineering sciences." In 1980 Congress expanded this recognition to include social and behavioral sciences.

A Committee of 12 scientists and engineers is appointed by the President to evaluate nominees for the Award. Since its establishment, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to 441 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned research and development. The recipients database from 1962 to the present can be searched at <http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/recipients.cfm>.

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