

# 2014 ALAN T. WATERMAN AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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The Alan T. Waterman Award is the highest honor awarded by the National Science Foundation. Since 1975, when Congress established the award to honor the agency's first director, the annual award has been bestowed upon individuals who have demonstrated exceptional individual achievement in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality to place them at the forefront of their peers.

The annual award recognizes an outstanding young researcher in any field of science or engineering supported by the National Science Foundation. In addition to a medal, the awardee receives a grant of \$1,000,000 over a five year period for scientific research or advanced study in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, social or other sciences at the institution of the recipient's choice.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, 35 years of age or younger, or not more than seven years beyond receipt of their Ph.D. degree by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.
- Candidates should have demonstrated exceptional individual achievements in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality to place them at the forefront of their peers. Criteria include originality, innovation, and significant impact on their field.

#### NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

From August 1, 2013 through October 25, 2013

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To nominate a candidate, please go to: www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/

Information on the award and past recipients is also available at: www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/waterman.jsp



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#### **Award Selection Criteria**

The Committee has established the following guidelines for selection of candidates. The Award seeks to identify the most outstanding young scientist or engineer in the country.

- a. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and must be 35 years old or younger, or not more than seven years beyond the receipt of the Ph.D. degree by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.
- b. Candidates should have demonstrated exceptional individual achievements in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality to place them in front of their peers. Criteria include originality, innovation, and significant impact on the field.
- c. Renominations may be submitted via an updated nomination form, or may be resubmitted the year following their original submission from the Alan T. Waterman homepage using the existing nomination and references.
- d. Candidates identified for final review by the selection Committee, and who remain eligible under selection criteria (a) above, will automatically be in considered in the next year's review cycle.
- All nominations must be in conformance with the eligibility requirements stated above. All nominations, renominations, and references must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM Friday, October 24, 2014.



Disclosure Statement: The information requested on this nomination is solicited under the authority of the NSF Act of 1950, as amended, and will be used and disclosed to reviewers and the National Science Board in connection with the selection of qualified applicants.

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Notice of the decision may be given to nominators, and disclosure may be made of awardees? names, home institutions, and field of study for public information purposes including press releases. See Systems of Records, NSF-12, "Fellowships and Other Awards," 63 Federal Register 265 (January 5, 1998). Submission of the information is voluntary; however, failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of receiving an award.

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