

To: Eligible nominees (mentors nominated more than once by current or former mentors)

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Dear Dr. [insert name],

We are delighted to inform you that you have been nominated for the 2022 [Landis Award for Outstanding Mentorship](#).

This award, named in honor of former NINDS Director, Dr. Story Landis, is given annually by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to individuals who, through superior mentorship and rigorous training in neuroscience research, have made an important impact on the lives of others. NINDS established this award to emphasize the high value NINDS places on mentorship. Our hope is that it will encourage faculty to make mentorship a strong component of their career, as well as encourage institutional leaders to promote and reward excellent mentorship and include it as a criterion for evaluating academic success.

NINDS will select up to five Landis Awardees from among faculty members who were nominated by former and/or current trainees in recognition of the value of their mentor's dedication to their career advancement. The Landis Award will provide \$100,000 in direct costs towards the awardee's existing NINDS grant(s) to support continuing efforts towards fostering the career advancement of their trainees. You can read about previous winners of the award [here](#).

In the first phase of this selection process, you were nominated by 2 or more former and/or current trainees, reflecting the positive, meaningful impact you have had on their scientific and professional development. Now, to move forward in the [nomination and award process](#), we are asking for you to provide:

- A statement of your mentoring approach and philosophy (1-3 pages). This should include (but is not restricted to) a brief description of how you provide guidance on career development and education on experimental rigor (design, proper analysis, etc.), as well as your approach to providing ownership of a research project while encouraging teamwork.
- An up-to-date CV (please **DO NOT** send an NIH biosketch, a CV is required)
- Two representative papers published in the past 5 years (pdfs), with different trainees as primary author, that demonstrate the scientific rigor/quality of the work done by these two different trainees
- The number of an NINDS grant that will be active in June, 20XX (i.e., the grant to be

supplemented).

- A list of all current and former trainees and a brief description of trainee accomplishments (where each trainee went subsequent to your lab [or environment], fellowships or other grants received by trainees while with you, papers published from work with you, etc.)
- Letters of recommendations for this award from up to ten current and/or former trainees. All letters must be from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of your mentoring activities (must have been your research trainees at some point past or present; clinical mentoring isn't relevant for this award). Each letter should be an original document composed entirely by the referee and submitted directly by the referee to the email address below by the due date. Only one referee may contribute to an individual letter.

Please send all materials by email to LandisMentorAward@nih.gov, no later than 11:59 PM Eastern Time on [Month/Day/year], and include "Landis Award [your name]" in the subject line.

Thank you, and congratulations again on your nomination.

Best,

Stephen Korn, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Training and Workforce Development

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Chair, Landis Award Steering Committee