

**Timeline and Process for:
Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists
(Deadline November 25)**

General Information

Overview, eligibility, procedure: <http://blavatnikawards.org/national-awards/nomination-guidelines/>

Eligible nominators: Nominators must be the institution's President (or equivalent) or Provost, or the President's official designee. *Each institution may nominate up to three candidates, one in each disciplinary category* (Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry).

All nominations must be submitted online at: <http://blavatnikawards.org/nominate/>

Required letters of support: 2 (submitted by recommenders online)

Refer questions to: Blavatnik Awards staff at blavatnikawards@nyas.org or 212.298.8624.

Eligibility:

- Born in or after 1973.
- Earned a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).
- Currently holds a faculty position at an eligible academic institution in the United States.
- Has made significant research contributions to the life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, and/or chemistry during his/her independent career as a principal investigator.
- Candidates who are not selected as Laureates in the current award cycle may be nominated again in subsequent years. Past faculty winners of the Blavatnik Awards regional competition are not eligible for the national faculty competition.
- The Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists welcomes nominations of candidates from underrepresented groups in science and engineering.

Evaluation Criteria: The candidate and his/her 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 candidate'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 candidate's field and potential for further significant contributions to science.

Required Application Materials: Nomination Form which includes:

- Basic biographical and contact information for the candidate and nominator.
- Nominator's Rationale for Nomination: a statement explaining why the candidate is being nominated
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae
- Candidate's Research Summary
- Full-text publications and/or patents representing the candidate's best work
- Contact information for two recommenders who can attest to the candidate's qualifications and research contributions to his/her field.

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February 1: Provost sends Deans, Department Chairs, Center Directors, and faculty members a memo announcing the Blavatnik Awards (maybe along with other external awards) and deadline.

May 1: OVPR solicits nominations for Blavatnik Awards from Deans, Department Chairs, Center Directors, and faculty members, and sends information about the award, eligibility, and criteria. Nominations must be accompanied by the nominee's name, department, contact information, CV and a one-page summary of significant accomplishments. Let departments know that President Nellis will be the nominator.

June 1: All nominations from departments and colleges are due in the OVPR. Nomination documents are examined by the President and Vice President for Research (VPR), who will select final candidates.

July 1: OVPR contacts final nominees and requests a list of at 5-6 possible letter writers (2 are required) and their affiliation, address, telephone, and email information. Nominees also are asked to send their CV, and one-page summary of accomplishments.

August 1: Requested information from nominees is due. President or VPR contacts possible letter writers to ask if they are willing to write strong supporting letters. OVPR sends all necessary materials to those who agree: Nominee's CV and one-page summary of accomplishments; links to award description and guidelines, evaluation committee.

September 1: Nominees are asked to provide the information required for the nomination and send to the OVPR by **September 15**. This includes: basic biographical and contact information, statement explaining why candidate deserves nomination, CV, research statement, full-text publications and/or patents representing the candidate's best work.

September 15: Materials are due from nominee. OVPR carefully examines for consistency and conformance to requirements. If available, OVPR editors will review and edit (**due October 15**).

September 16: Nominations open and website becomes available. OVPR begins to complete the nomination form, and submits names and email addresses for letter writers online. They will get email with instructions to upload letter. Submission of these letters are tracked by the OVPR (by looking online) with reminders to the writers on **November 1** and, if still necessary, **November 8**. It is the OVPR's responsibility to make sure that all recommendation letters are submitted in time.

October 15: Nomination form is sent to VPR for review, editing, and approval, with request for comments to be provided by **November 1**.

November 1: Letter writers are sent a reminder to submit letters by **November 15**.

November 8: All sections of nomination form are complete and sent to President for approval. If needed, letter writers are sent a reminder to submit letters by **November 15**.

November 15: All letters are due to OVPR, who will track until complete. Then the President's Office will be notified that the application is complete. President will submit nomination.

November 25, Agency deadline: All materials have been submitted to the agency. An electronic or paper copy of the nomination is given to the Office of Research Services (ORS). ORS enters information into Cayuse to create a permanent institutional record of the nomination.