

THE WELCH FOUNDATION
THE ROBERT A. WELCH AWARD IN CHEMISTRY

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The purpose of The Robert A. Welch Award in Chemistry is to foster and encourage basic chemical research and to recognize, in a substantial manner, the value of chemical research contributions for the benefit of mankind as set forth in the will of Robert Alonzo Welch. The Founder was interested in chemistry, and in its service to both the betterment and the understanding of human life. It is also believed this award will play an important role in aiding and strengthening the other programs of the Foundation.

In accordance with these principles, any person can be considered for the award who has made important chemical research contributions which have a significant, positive influence on mankind. The award is intended to recognize contributions that have not previously been rewarded in a similar manner.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be solicited from selected organizations and individuals. Nominations received from other organizations and individuals will be considered, though no person may nominate oneself. Directors and officers of the Foundation and members of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Foundation may not make nominations nor are they eligible to receive the award.

All nominations must include (a) a brief biographical sketch of the proposed nominee, (b) a list of 25 of the nominee's most important scientific publications, (c) a statement of the research areas in chemistry on which the nomination is based, and (d) not more than three seconding nomination letters.

Nominations with supporting documents should be sent to the address at the bottom of this page.

AWARD PROCEDURE

The Scientific Advisory Board of the Foundation will review all nominations that are received in the Foundation office by February 1, the established deadline for a specific award year, and that meet the nomination conditions stated above.

The Scientific Advisory Board will consider all of the official nominations on their merit, consider whether or not any nominee or nominees are worthy of the award, and will recommend to the Board of Directors not more than three nominees they determine are qualified to receive the award. The Board of Directors will select the awardee.

The Robert A. Welch Award in Chemistry shall be awarded, when justified. The presentation of the award shall be at a dinner held to honor the recipient. The awardee will be required to be present. The monetary amount of the award is \$300,000.

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