



AWARDED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

The  
**National  
Medal of  
Science**

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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Dear Nominator:

The National Medal of Science, established by Congress in 1959, is the Nation's highest honor for American scientists and engineers presented annually by the President of the United States. It is with great pleasure to open the call for nominations for the 2005 Medals.

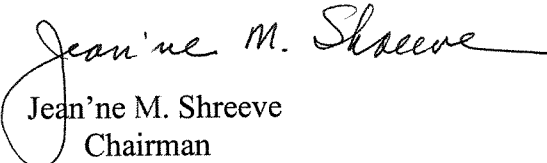
The National Medal of Science is presented to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the social and behavioral sciences, physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering sciences.

Since its establishment, the Medal has been awarded to 409 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers spanned decades of research and development. The laureates have made major impacts in fields of science and engineering through career-long, ground-breaking achievements and on the individual disciplines for which the awards are given. The Medal also recognizes contributions to innovation, industry or education.

There are numerous younger American scientists and engineers, many of them women and minorities, now reaching the point in their careers where their contributions are worthy of recognition. Your efforts to identify worthy nominees for the Medal in this public recognition of outstanding contributions are critical to its success.

The deadline for submitting 2005 nominations and supporting letters is September 30, 2004 [[www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/)]. Nominations will be reviewed by the Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to the President for the final decision for the 2005 Awardees. On behalf of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, I want to thank you in advance for your time and effort in nominating individuals for this Award.

Sincerely,

  
Jean'ne M. Shreeve  
Chairman