



## Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM)



- The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) program seeks to recognize U.S. citizens and permanent residents, as well as U.S. organizations, which have demonstrated exceptional and sustained mentoring of students, trainees, and/or early-career scientists and engineers from underrepresented groups for five or more years.
- Underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) include: women, people with disabilities, underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities, as well as individuals from low socio-economic backgrounds and some urban and rural areas.
- The Individual PAESMEM award recognizes exceptional individual mentors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents in industry, academia, primary and secondary education, military and government, non-profit organizations, and foundations.
- The Organizational PAESMEM award recognizes organizations that demonstrate exceptional mentoring. Organizations must be affiliated with a U.S. corporation, educational institution or agency, military or government agency, non-profit organization, or foundation.
- The National Science Foundation administers the award program on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- Nomination materials include a description of the mentoring activities and letters of support from colleagues and mentees attesting to the nominee's mentoring accomplishments. Nominations are reviewed by experts from various STEM sectors convened by NSF, and recommendations for the awards are made by the NSF director to the White House.
- Awardees receive a citation signed by the President of the United States, a paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to attend a recognition ceremony, and a \$10,000 honorary award.
- Since the first awards were made in 1996, more than 240 individuals and organizations have received this distinguished Presidential recognition. PAESMEM alumni represent a diverse set of individuals and organizations with distinguished records in mentoring underrepresented groups in STEM.
- During 2015, PAESMEM will recognize the awardees of the 2012 and 2013 competitions –14 individuals and one organization--at an event to be held in Washington, D.C.

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