



# NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE 2010 AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

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 that we open the call for nominations for the 2010 medals.

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

Since its establishment, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to 449 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers span decades of research and development. These laureates have impacted the current state of science, promoted new lines of thinking in their disciplines, and contributed to economic development.

We encourage diverse, high-quality nominations for the 2010 Medals. Eligibility criteria, the nominations guidelines and a database of laureates are available at

[www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medal.jsp)

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Candidates must be living U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have applied for citizenship within the past 12 months.

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**Nominations are accepted from all sources:** From July 1, 2009  
through November 5, 2009

For detailed nomination information, go to:

[www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards)