



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 humankind 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 humankind. The award is intended to recognize contributions that have not previously been rewarded in a similar manner.

NOMINATIONS

Any person can submit a nomination for consideration, 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. Former Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) members are eligible to be nominated four (4) years after the calendar year in which they left the board. (Example: If an SAB member left the board in 2020, they would be eligible to be nominated in 2024.)

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

Nominations must be received in the Foundation office by the last business day of January each year and will remain eligible for five years without revision.

Questions or digital submissions of nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to welchaward@welch1.org.

AWARD PROCEDURE

The Scientific Advisory Board will 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 that they determine to be qualified to receive the award. The Board of Directors will make the final selection.

The recipient will be required to be present at a ceremony and dinner in Houston, Texas in the month of October. The monetary amount of the award is \$500,000.