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2018 Blavatnik National Awards

The Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists recognize the country's most promising faculty-rank researchers in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry.

Eligibility: The nominee must:

- Have been born in or after 1976.
- Hold a doctorate degree (PhD, DPhil, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).
- Currently hold a faculty position at an [invited institution](#) in the United States.
- Currently conduct research as a principal investigator in one of the [disciplinary categories](#) in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, or Chemistry.

Previously nominated individuals who were not selected as Laureates in past Award cycles may be nominated again. The Blavatnik Awards welcome nominations from underrepresented groups in science and engineering.

Nominees and their work as independent investigators will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Quality:** The extent to which the work is reliable, valid, credible, and scientifically rigorous.
- **Impact:** The extent to which the work addresses an important problem and is influential in the nominee's field.
- **Novelty:** The extent to which the work challenges existing paradigms, employs new methodologies or concepts, and/or pursues an original question.
- **Promise:** Future prospects in the nominee's field and potential for further significant contributions to science.

Award Amount: One Blavatnik Laureate in each disciplinary category will receive \$250,000 in unrestricted funds.

Nomination Process: Candidates for the 2018 Blavatnik National Awards must be nominated by their institutions. Each institution may submit up to **three** nominations, **one in each** disciplinary category of Life Sciences, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Chemistry. Institutional nominations must be submitted by the institution's official designee.

Timeline:

Internal Proposal Due: September 15, 2017

Nominee Selection Notifications: September 27, 2017

Proposal Due to Blavatnik: The nominations period for the 2018 Blavatnik National Awards will open on September 27, 2017 and close on November 15, 2017. Letters of support must be submitted by November 29, 2017.