

## **WIMIN Rising Star Award**

With the **WIMIN Rising Star Award**, WIMIN wishes to recognize the contributions of exceptional early career molecular imaging scientists (<10 years post-terminal degree, excluding periods of less than full-time employment) who are demonstrating outstanding potential for contributions to the field.

*This award is intended to recognize and encourage leadership potential to help promote the retention and advancement of women in science.*

### **Application Timeline:**

WMIS will circulate the Call for Nomination to the WMIS Society on behalf of WIMIN. The Call for Nominations will open in **July 2025**, asking for nominations by **July 31, 2025**. We will aim for a decision by **September 02, 2025**.

### **Nomination Criteria:**

1. Nominee must be active in molecular imaging-focused research or industry;
2. Nominee must be an active advocate for advancing women's careers in science and an active supporter of WIMIN's goals and vision;
3. Nominee may be from any country. There are no citizenship or residency requirements for the nominee.

### **Nomination by Others Process:**

Nominators must provide a 2-page letter describing how the nominee meets the nomination criteria and a copy of the full CV of the nominee. WIMIN supports nominations for both academic and industry professionals for this award.

The nomination letter should begin with the name and contact information (email and telephone) of the nominator followed by the same for the nominee. The next entry should be a brief (one sentence or less) proposed citation that will accompany the announcement of the award if your candidate is selected. The remainder of the two-page submission may be used as the nominator chooses to highlight reasons that the selection committee should consider in evaluating the candidate. **Required:** 1) date of terminal degree, 2) professional history and current position of candidate, 3) scientific and technological contributions, 4) summary of the contributions that motivate the nominator to promote the candidate.

### **Self-Nomination Process:**

Applicants must provide their full CV, a 1-page personal statement describing how they meet the application criteria, and 2 letters of support from colleagues. WIMIN supports nominations from both academic and industry professionals for this award.

The personal statement letter should include: 1) date of terminal degree, 2) professional history and

current position of the applicant, 3) scientific and technological contributions, 4) summary of contributions that motivate the applicant to promote the candidate.

The letters of support must include the name and contact information (email and telephone) of the individual providing the support of the applicant. It should include description of mentorship, leadership, or advocacy of the applicant.

**Application Evaluation Criteria:**

1. Personal contributions in the field of molecular imaging (**50%**).
2. Evidence of unique or unusual impact or innovation (**20%**)
3. Evidence that by leadership or by example the candidate is furthering the advancement of women in science (**30%**).

**Award Features:**

1. Awardee attends the WMIC meeting to receive the award in person;
2. Awardee will be invited to present a webinar highlighting their career journey and scientific contributions.

**Post-submission Process**

1. After nominations are received, the shortlisted nominees will be contacted and asked whether they are willing to accept the nomination and if they are planning on attending the annual WMIC meeting.
2. The Award Subcommittee will receive and evaluate the nominations, and vote on the rankings. The rankings and evaluations will be forwarded to the WIMIN Leadership Committee for ratification. Nominators will be notified of results.
3. Once awarded, WIMIN Chairs will inform the Board for Trustees of the award recipient and arrange Award presentation details.
4. WMIS will announce the Awardees to the Society via email blast and social media.