

## WIMIN Outstanding Leadership in Molecular Imaging Award

The **Women In Molecular Imaging Network (WIMIN)** was created to foster the career development and advancement of women in molecular imaging through all stages of their careers, take an advocacy position within the WMIS on issues of importance to women in molecular imaging, provide leadership for career development opportunities for women in molecular imaging, and promote and recognize the professional and scientific accomplishments of women in molecular imaging.

### Summary of the Award:

With the **WIMIN Outstanding Leadership in Molecular Imaging Award**, WIMIN wishes to recognize the immense commitment to leadership required to be a successful molecular imaging scientist/professional while strongly advocating for advancing women's careers in academia and industry.

This award is intended to recognize an outstanding senior female molecular imaging scientist/professional who has furthered the advancement of women in STEM through leadership, mentorship, and active support of WIMIN's goals and vision.

### Nomination Process:

The call for nominations will be sent in **April 2026**, asking for nominations by **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. We will aim for a decision by **June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

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.

### Nomination Criteria:

1. Nominee must play or have played a major part in molecular imaging-focused research or industry;
2. Nominee must be an advocate for advancing women's careers in science and a supporter of WIMIN's goals and vision;
3. Nominees may be from any country. There are no citizenship or residency requirements for the nominee.
4. **Self-nominations are not permitted.**

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** entries are 1) date of terminal degree, 2) professional history and current position of the candidate, 3) scientific and technological contributions, 4) activities that advance diversity in science, and 5) summary of the contributions that motivate the nominator to promote the candidate.

### **Application Evaluation Criteria:**

1. Personal contributions and impact within the field of molecular imaging **(30%)**
2. Leadership, both past and future activities and contributions, in advancing women's issues in STEM **(30%)**
3. Mentorship contributions and impact **(40%)**.

### **Award Features:**

1. Awardee attends the WMIC meeting to receive the award in person;
2. Awardee will be invited to participate in WIMIN mentoring activities;
3. Awardee will be invited to present a webinar for WMIS spanning their career and scientific activities.

### **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. The nominators will then be notified of the results.
3. Once awarded, WIMIN Chairs will inform the Board for Trustees of the Award winner and arrange award presentation details.
4. WMIS and WIMIN will announce the award recipients with the community via email and social media.