

WIMIN Rising Star 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 Rising Star Award**, WIMIN wishes to recognize the contributions of exceptional early-career women scientists (<10 years post-terminal degree, excluding periods of less than full-time employment) who are demonstrating outstanding potential for contributions to the field of molecular imaging. This award is also intended to recognize and encourage leadership potential to help promote the retention and advancement of women in science. Awardees are invited to become members of WMIS and WIMIN and continue to be active in molecular imaging-focused research or industry.

Nomination process: The Call for Nominations will be sent in **April 2026**, with a suggested deadline of **May 31st, 2026** for the nominations. We will aim for a decision by **June 29th, 2026**.

Nominations may be submitted by peers, mentors, or supervisors. **Self-nominations are also welcome.**

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:**

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

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 and inclusion in science, and 5) summary of the contributions that motivate the nominator to promote the candidate.

Application Evaluation Criteria:

- a) Personal contributions in the field of molecular imaging (**50%**)
- b) Evidence of unique or unusual impact or innovation (**20%**)
- c) Evidence that by leadership or by example the candidate is furthering the advancement of women in science (**30%**)

Award Features:

- a) Awardee attends the WMIC meeting to receive the award in person;
- b) Awardee will be invited to participate in WIMIN mentoring activities;
- c) Awardee will be invited to provide a Webinar for WMIC 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. Use social media/WMIS page/emailers to share this award and its recipient with the community.