

Office of the Chief Scientist

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)

The PECASE awards honor outstanding researchers who are beginning their independent research careers and who show outstanding potential for leadership in the years and decades ahead. Selection for this award is based on two criteria: (1) performance of innovative research at the frontiers of science, engineering, and technology relevant to the mission of the sponsoring organization or agency, and (2) commitment to community service, as demonstrated through scientific leadership, education, or community outreach.

All NASA organizations that conduct research in science, technology or engineering are encouraged to submit nominees (when solicited) to the Office of the Chief Scientist; NASA is allotted up to six nominees. The nomination form, NF 1816, is available in electronic format from the NASA electronic form system (<https://nef.nasa.gov/>). In addition to the nomination form, please also submit the nominees CV or resume, including a publications list. Please note that ***funding for each awardee must be provided by the nominating organization***--there is no central funding for PECASE awards. For this reason, all nominations must come from HQ organizations that can provide the award funding; Centers are encouraged to work with the appropriate HQ office to identify and nominate potential awardees. Nominations should be sent to Louis Barbier at [Louis.M.Barbier@nasa.gov](mailto:Louis.M.Barbier@nasa.gov) by ***COB, Friday, April 12***.

Once the nominations are received in our office, they will be reviewed by a NASA-wide panel and six of them will be selected for forwarding on to the White. The White House makes the final selections and announcements. Shortly after the announcement is made, the recipients will receive their Presidential Awards at a White House ceremony in Washington, DC.

Eligibility requirements and other details are provided in the attached NASA PECASE Policy, please read them carefully. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Louis Barbier at (202) 358-1421 or [Louis.M.Barbier@nasa.gov](mailto:Louis.M.Barbier@nasa.gov)