



## **TAMEST (The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas)**

### **Mary Beth Maddox Award and Lectureship Nomination Guide**

#### **HISTORY**

The Mary Beth Maddox Award and Lectureship was established in honor of Mary Beth Maddox, former Executive Director of TAMEST (The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas), who passed away in 2018 after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Mary Beth was an energetic and compassionate leader who was committed to moving the state of Texas forward by supporting the incredible work of our greater research community. Her passion for highlighting transformational discoveries and advancements made by women in medicine, engineering, science and technology lives on through the Mary Beth Maddox Award and Lectureship.

#### **AWARD AND LECTURESHIP**

The award and lectureship recognizes women scientists in Texas bringing new ideas and innovations to the fight against cancer.

The inaugural recipient will be honored at TAMEST's 2022 Annual Conference in January, where they will present their research to attendees and also receive a \$5,000 honorarium and award. The conference will be held January 11–12, 2022 at The Westin Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. (Presentation of the award will take place in conjunction with the recipient's research presentation. In addition to the honorarium, the award covers the recipient's travel to and from the conference, hotel, complimentary conference registration, and a physical award recognizing their achievement.)

The recipient will promote their work and discoveries across the state through a series of three lectureships at TAMEST member institutions. The award covers the recipient's travel and lodging for the three lectures.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. This award and lectureship recognizes a woman who is an innovative scientist residing and working in Texas. The nominee must have spent the past two years performing research in Texas.
2. The nominee's current work must be anchored in cancer research.
3. The nominee must be within ten years of their first faculty appointment or 15 years from their first full-time industry-affiliated position at the end of the year in which the nomination is made.
4. TAMEST members are not eligible.
5. The award and lectureship may only be awarded to an individual. Team nominations are not eligible.

## **NOMINATOR REQUIREMENTS**

Qualified nominators include TAMEST members, university presidents, chancellors, deans, provosts, vice presidents for research, and past Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards recipients. Multiple nominations from a single institution or organization will be eligible.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

A committee of TAMEST members will evaluate nominations and select the finalist. The TAMEST Board of Directors provides final approval of the recipient.

## **REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS**

- Nominee application form.
- A letter from the nominator (two pages maximum) describing the candidate's outstanding accomplishments associated with cancer research and discovery.
- A brief (50 words maximum) citation indicating how the nominee's work advances the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of cancer.
- Abbreviated nominee biographical sketch.
- A list of five (5) of the most important research publications that directly support the candidate's research accomplishments and a link to an electronic PDF version of each research publication.

**Applications and supporting documents must be received by October 25, 2021.**

## **NOMINATION INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

The information provided in the nomination materials is crucial to the evaluation of the nominee's achievements. The following components are required to complete the nomination packet:

### **1. One nomination letter**

- A two-page maximum letter of support from the nominator, which comprehensively describes the importance and direct impact of the nominee's research as it relates to cancer. The letter must specifically illustrate the innovative research of the candidate and how their work holds promise for continued contributions in the fight against cancer (supported by relevant metrics).

### **2. A citation statement from the nominator (50 words maximum) defining the field(s) of cancer research in which the nominee excels, their particular discoveries or technological developments, and their impact or potential impact on cancer research.**

### **3. Abbreviated biographical sketch including:**

- a summary of education, employment, honors and awards including recognition or awards received from the nominee's institution or employer (NIH Biographical Sketches may be used);
- a summary of the nominee's research interests and activities; and
- a synopsis of the nominee's discoveries and research contributions.
- Additional information on citations, papers, books and reports is welcome.

### **Deadline for Submission of Nomination Materials**

All nomination materials must be received by October 25, 2021.

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