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YEARS

Edith and Peter O'Donnell Awards Summit: Celebrating 20 Years of Impact and Innovation

September 10, 2026 | Robert B. Rowling Hall | The University of Texas at Austin | Austin, Texas

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks Ganesh C. Thakur, Ph.D. (NAE '16)

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TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION SESSION:

Emcee:

Ted Moise, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Dallas

2012 O'Donnell Award in Technology Innovation

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

S.V. Sreenivasan, Ph.D. (NAE '21)

The University of Texas at Austin

2010 O'Donnell Award in

Technology Innovation

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Kimberly A. Hambuchen, Ph.D.

NASA Johnson Space Center

2024 O'Donnell Award in

Technology Innovation

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Panel with Technology Innovation Speakers on Impact and Legacy of O'Donnell Awards

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

SCIENCE SESSION:

Emcee:

Kim Orth, Ph.D. (NAS '20), UT Southwestern Medical

Center; Howard Hughes Medical Institute

2011 O'Donnell Award in Biological Sciences

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Zhijian "James" Chen, Ph.D. (NAM '22, NAS '14, FRS '25)

UT Southwestern Medical Center;

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

2007 O'Donnell Award in Biological

Sciences

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Xiaoqin Elaine Li, Ph.D.

The University of Texas at Austin

2018 O'Donnell Award in Physical

Sciences

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel with Science Speakers on Impact and Legacy of O'Donnell Awards

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Session

Special Events Room 5.210, 5th floor

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch Panel: Elevating Rising Stars Moderator: Frances Ligler, D.Phil., D.Sc. (NAE '05)

Texas A&M University

O'Donnell Awards Committee Chair

Panelists:

Russell A. DeBose-Boyd, Ph.D. (NAS '23)

UT Southwestern Medical Center

**Nicholas A. Peppas, Sc.D. (NAM '08,
NAE '06)**

The University of Texas at Austin

Return to Crum Auditorium

MEDICINE SESSION:

Emcee:

Brendan Lee, M.D., Ph.D. (NAM '13), Baylor College of
Medicine, 2009 O'Donnell Award in Medicine

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Margaret A. Goodell, Ph.D. (NAM '19, NAS '25)

Baylor College of Medicine

2011 O'Donnell Award in Medicine

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Jennifer Wargo, M.D. (NAM '23)

UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

2023 O'Donnell Award in Medicine

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Panel with Medicine Speakers on Impact and Legacy of O'Donnell Awards

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

ENGINEERING SESSION:

Emcee:

Jodie Lutkenhaus, Ph.D., Texas A&M University

2022 O'Donnell Award in Engineering

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Antonios G. Mikos, Ph.D. (NAM '12, NAE '12)

Rice University

2007 O'Donnell Award in Engineering

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Rimer, Ph.D.

University of Houston

2020 O'Donnell Award in Engineering

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Panel with Engineering Speakers on Impact and Legacy of O'Donnell Awards

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Cheryl Lyn Walker, Ph.D. (NAM '16)

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