

RECOGNITION AWARDS & PRIZES

Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation

2018 BECKMAN – ARGYROS AWARD IN VISION RESEARCH

celebrating those whose accomplishments have advanced vision research worldwide

DEADLINES

August 17, 2017 – internal deadline

September 29, 2017 – sponsor deadline

SPONSOR'S WEBSITE

Foundation website: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/>

Program webpage: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-argyros-vision-program-information>

Award recipients: <http://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-argyros-vision-award-recipients>

FUNDING

The recipient will receive a total of \$500,000 of which \$100,000 will be paid directly to the recipient and \$400,000 will be paid to the recipient's institution to be used on behalf of the recipient's research program over a two-year period. Should the nominee be identified as a "group," award funds will be distributed equally among members of the "group."

NOMINATION LIMITATION

Yale may nominate one candidate.

PURPOSE

This award is intended to reward one individual who has made significant transformative breakthroughs within the broad spans of vision research. This may include those whose contributions to science in general, or through the development of an innovative technology or fundamental scientific breakthrough have been applied to, aided, and/or improved the vision sciences.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be:

- a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- a tenured MD, PhD, or MD/PhD with an appointment in a basic science department.
- recognized as a leader in their field of scientific expertise who has made a significant transformative breakthrough in vision research **and** is actively engaged in vision research or research which may be applied to the vision sciences.

Nominee's research must:

- show demonstrated success in the number of people who have actually or will potentially benefit by the research. The extent of this benefit must be quantifiable.
- be novel, original, and the underlying fundamental character of the technical idea or concept must be identified.
- show how the research has removed fundamental barriers or constraints to incremental improvements and refinement or that it embodies wholly new scientific principles.
- show potential resulting in transformative breakthroughs in vision research.

INTERNAL COMPETITION PROCEDURES (& Contact Information for Questions)

Follow instructions on page 2 of this announcement in lieu of regular Scholar Award instructions.

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Beckman-Argyros Award in Vision Research 2018 -- Internal Competition Procedures

Follow instructions on this page in lieu of regular Scholar Award instructions.

Most of the required information mirrors information requested of the nominated candidate by the sponsor, but does not include all information requested by the sponsor. For questions about the internal competition, please contact melanie.smith@yale.edu, 203-785-4978, Manager, Funding Resource Center.

Format requirements:

- Arial font -- 11 point or larger
- One-inch margins on all sides

Page 1 – Face Page

- Complete the [face page](http://your.yale.edu/node/9391) at: <http://your.yale.edu/node/9391>.
- In the referee section, provide the names, titles, and institutions of at least 3 leaders in your scientific field who (if you are selected as Yale's nominee) can provide independent evaluations of you as the nominee and of your body of work.

Page 2 – Candidate's Qualifications -- to be completed by your department chair or a senior faculty member well-acquainted with your work (1 page)

- This should be in the form of a letter of recommendation.
- This letter must also address the candidate's qualifications which identify him or her as a national leader in their field.

Page 3-4 – Candidate's Significant Transformative Breakthrough in Vision Research (2 pages)

- Describe the significant transformative breakthrough in vision research conducted by the candidate.
- Include a brief description of the measurable impact of the nominee's research in the following time frames (and provide documentation):
 - at the inception of research (indicate the general beginning of research)
 - the current impact and direction of the research
 - the projected impact of the research.

Page 5-9 – Candidate's CV (5 page maximum)

- Include standard biosketch information *plus* pending support.

Please submit as a single PDF assembled in the above order to: melanie.smith@yale.edu by August 17, 2017.