

## Benjamin Franklin Medals

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The Franklin Institute

### Description

Since 1824, The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia has honored the legacy of Benjamin Franklin by presenting awards for outstanding achievements in science, engineering, and industry. As the oldest comprehensive science and technology awards program in the United States, The Franklin Institute Awards Program has recognized more than 2,000 of the most pioneering scientists, engineers, inventors, and innovators from across the globe. Its history documents the course of human discovery and advancement through the past two centuries—from the diesel engine to the Mars rover, from the typewriter to the cell phone, and from x-ray technology to genome editing.

The Franklin Institute invites nominations for the Benjamin Franklin Medals, presented in the following seven disciplines of science and engineering:

- Chemistry
- Civil and Mechanical Engineering
- Computer and Cognitive Science
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Life Science
- Physics

### Eligibility

- This is an international competition for individuals whose work has had a significant impact on the aforementioned fields of science and engineering and is not restricted by specific theme or topic.
- Nominees must be living and award recipients must participate in the Awards Ceremony at which their medals are presented. Medalists are also expected to participate in additional educational and social events during Awards Week. Events take place each spring locally to The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.
- The subject of the candidate's research must be an invention, discovery, technological development, or a body of work reflecting extraordinary insight, skill, or creativity. The work must have scientific value and/or proven utility. It must have provided significant direction for future research, solved an important problem, or provided great benefit to

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the public.

- Nominations will be accepted from any individual, organization, or institution including self-nominations.
- Nominations of candidates traditionally underrepresented in science and engineering are particularly encouraged.
- No more than three individuals may be nominated for a shared award. A significant case for inclusion of all parties must be conveyed.
- Sufficient submitted documentation to support further investigation must be provided by the nominator in order for the nomination to be considered.

**The process from nomination to award typically takes a minimum of two years. Medalists are typically announced in January of the year of their medal presentation.**

## Prize

Benjamin Franklin Medalists are presented with 14-karat gold medals and honoraria of \$10,000 per medal.

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>External Deadline</b>	Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 11:59pm	Please submit the nomination directly to <a href="mailto:awards@fi.edu">awards@fi.edu</a> [1]. Please also submit a copy of the full nomination and OR-5 to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [2].

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## How to Apply

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Applications must be submitted via email to [awards@fi.edu](mailto:awards@fi.edu) [1], using the nomination checklist provided on the [Benjamin Franklin Medals website](#) [3]. Please also submit an OR-5 and a completed application to [research.services@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca) [2].

## For More Information

For more information contact [research.honours@uoguelph.ca](mailto:research.honours@uoguelph.ca) [4] or [awards@fi.edu](mailto:awards@fi.edu) [1]. Also see the [Benjamin Franklin Medals website](#) [3] for further details.

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