



Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FOUNDATION U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2010 *LIFE SCIENCES AWARDS*

February 7, 2010, Auburn, New York - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports American industry dedicated to protecting human health through the testing, manufacturing and marketing of biomedical products. As scientific innovation of biomedical products begins at the lab bench, the Chamber has partnered with the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a Federal government agency with the mission of promoting and encouraging new discoveries.

The mission of this partnership is to present the Third Annual *Life Sciences Awards* to recognize, through **seven** monetary awards, an adult scientist and provide research funds; three current secondary school educators; and three current secondary school students who are judged to exemplify excellence in life sciences.

\$25,000 Chairmen's Distinguished Life Sciences Award

The ***\$25,000 Chairmen's Distinguished Life Sciences Award*** will be presented to a scientist who is making or has recently made a significant and positive contribution toward the development of a "cutting edge" innovation in the field of life sciences. The winner will also receive \$25,000 in research funds to be used to hire a graduate student or put toward the actual research project.

\$10,000 Life Sciences Educator Awards

Three ***\$10,000 Life Sciences Educator Awards*** will be presented to three current secondary school educators, with at least five years of teaching experience, who demonstrates an ongoing teaching strategy that evidences proficiency in instructing students in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, Chemistry or other life sciences courses.

Life Sciences Student Awards

Three ***\$5,000 Life Sciences Student Awards*** will be presented to current secondary school students who are making or have recently made significant and positive contributions related to the study of life science.

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All nominations are accepted online at: www.columbusfoundationawards.org. Please visit this website for information on the competition rules and regulations. The deadline for 2010 Nominations is ***Tuesday, April 13***. Any questions related to the competition may be directed to Judi Shellenberger, Executive Director of the Foundation at: judithmscolumbus@cs.com or (315) 258-0090.

The Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation is an independent Federal government agency established by Congress in 1992 to “encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.” The Foundation has created ***Frontiers of Discovery–Work in Progress and Discover the Future*** programs that honor “cutting edge” innovations; innovative ideas of America’s youth; and teachers who dedicate their lives to students despite great personal hardships. For more information, please visit: www.columbusfdn.org or contact Judi Shellenberger at (315) 258-0090.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

More than 96 percent of the Chamber’s members are small businesses with 100 or fewer employees, 70 percent of which have 10 or fewer employees. Yet, virtually all of the nation’s largest companies are also active members. We are particularly cognizant of the problems of smaller businesses, as well as issues facing the business community at large.

Besides representing a cross-section of the American business community in terms of number of employees, the Chamber represents a wide management spectrum by type of business and location. Each major classification of American business— manufacturing, retailing, services, construction, wholesaling, and finance—is represented. Also, the Chamber has substantial membership in all 50 States.

The Chamber’s international reach is substantial as well. It believes that global interdependence provides an opportunity, not a threat. In addition to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s 98 American Chambers of Commerce abroad, an increasing number of members are engaged in the export and import of both goods and services and have ongoing investment activities. The Chamber favors strengthened international competitiveness and opposes artificial U.S. and foreign barriers to international business.

Positions on national issues are developed by a cross-section of Chamber members serving on committees, subcommittees, and task forces. More than 1,000 business people participate in this process.

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