



Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FOUNDATION
U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2011 *LIFE SCIENCES AWARDS*

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce 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 Fourth 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 Scientist Award

The ***\$25,000 Chairmen's Distinguished Life Sciences Scientist 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.

A comprehensive outline of the specific research project must accompany the initial Nomination, and will be judged as part of the overall Nomination packet submitted. Funds for the research project will be released in increments based on the progression of the research, not to exceed two years, with a final report on the results due upon completion.

Three \$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 demonstrate 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.

Three \$5,000 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 only at: www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org. Please visit this website for information on Competition Rules and Regulations. **The deadline for 2011 Nominations is *Tuesday, April 5, 2011***. 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*** programs that honor "cutting edge" innovations, innovative ideas of America's youth and educators. Other programs sponsored by the Foundation include: ***Agriscience Awards*** visit: www.agriscienceawards.com; ***Homeland Security Awards*** and ***Life Sciences Awards*** visit: ccolumbusfoundationawards.org; and the ***Christopher Columbus Awards***, designed exclusively for middle school students, and challenges them to create an innovative solution to a community issue using the scientific method. Please visit: www.christophercolumbusawards.com. For additional information, please visit: www.columbusfdn.org or contact Judi Shellenberger at (315) 258-0090 or email: judithmscolumbus@cs.com.

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