WCC Rising Star Award

The WCC Rising Star Award recognizes up to ten outstanding women scientists approaching mid-level careers who have demonstrated outstanding promise for contributions to their respective fields.

The Award includes the following:

- The opportunity to present contributions at a WCC-sponsored symposium at the spring ACS national meeting. The award symposium serves to highlight the accomplishments of the award winners by providing a venue to inform researchers and other professionals of the status of current work, ideas, and thought; to enable networking with other practitioners; and to acquaint scientists with other active members of the research community.
- A $1,000 stipend to cover spring national meeting travel expenses.
- Visibility and networking opportunities at the spring national meeting—awardees are recognized at the WCC 'Just Cocktails' reception and at the WCC Luncheon where awardees are seated at the head tables along with ACS governance, WCC members, and fellow award winners.

Eligibility

The award is open to all female ACS members in chemistry and chemical engineering working in academic, industrial, government, non-profit or other employment sectors. Appropriate candidates will typically be no more than 15 years from receipt of their terminal scientific degree and have demonstrated outstanding promise for contributions to their respective fields. Applicants can either be self-nominated or can be nominated by another individual for this award.

The following are not eligible:

- those who are already widely acknowledged and recognized in their area of chemistry or chemical engineering and are at the pinnacle of their careers;
- ACS national award winners;
- those who have received a prior award under this program;
- members of the National Women Chemists Executive Committee

Sector Criterion

The following examples are intended as a guideline for nominators.

Demonstrated excellence or leadership role in:

Academic

- uncovering basic principles having impact beyond the nominee's immediate field.
- may include potential to address pressing societal needs.

Industrial

- developing or identifying innovations or key components with commercial potential
- licensing or commercializing innovations
- either developing or applying basic principles to product innovation.

Government

- basic research similar to the academic sector.
- applied research similar to the industrial sector.

Non-profit

- track record in identifying, training, funding or otherwise fostering the development and translation of research to positively impact societal needs
- creative application of chemistry to nontechnical fields, e.g. art conservation.

Other: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- actively engaged in commercializing chemistry- intensive innovation: her own or licensed from others.
- identifying or licensing innovations with commercial potential, commercializing technology.
- any other chemistry-intensive activity.