



The National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) will be having our annual meeting in St. Louis, MO from November 18th to November 21st. As part of our programming, NOBCChE offers awards to individuals based on their scientific merit, leadership potential/ability, and mentorship/engagement with underrepresented groups. These awardees are recognized at NOBCChE's awards ceremony, to be held on Thursday, November 21st.

NOBCChE is currently accepting nominations for student and professional awards. A short description of each award is listed below, along with submission guidelines for both student and professional awards. The submission deadline is **August 30th, 2019**. Please email nomination packets or questions about awards submission to awards@nobbche.org.

Student Awards

The **Winifred Burks-Houck Undergraduate & Graduate Leadership Awards** encourage students to engage in cutting-edge research and innovative activities that broaden participation in the chemical sciences. Eligible applicants are women who are 1) full-time students and 2) working toward a degree in chemistry, materials science, polymer science, chemical engineering, materials engineering or related fields. Competitive applicants demonstrate their leadership experience, commitment to community, and potential for success in their chosen field.

Nominees for the Undergraduate Leadership Award should either be in progress to completing or have recently completed a bachelor's degree in the fields above, while nominees for the Graduate Leadership award should be in progress to completing a masters or doctorate in the fields above.

Nomination packets for student awards should include:

- **Resume** (1pg)
- **Transcript(s)**- unofficial or official
- **Two (2) letters of recommendation** - **At least one letter** must be from a faculty member in the applicant's area of study. These persons should attest to the nominee's work and impact in a way relevant to the award's purpose.

Professional Awards

Winifred Burks-Houck Professional Leadership Award: Awarded to professional women who have upheld Dr. Burks-Houck legacy by demonstrating leadership in a corporate or academic environment and have made significant contributions to science in their community.

Henry C. McBay Outstanding Teacher Award: Awarded for demonstrating outstanding contributions to the field of chemistry education (from either a research or teaching standpoint), and/or scientific outreach to the general public.

Mentor on the Map Award: Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated leadership in mentoring and coaching others, having a significant impact in influencing the careers of other technical professionals and/or encouraging students to pursue technical and scientific careers.

HBCU Pioneer Award: Awarded to an individual who has spent a significant portion of their professional career at or in support of HBCUs and contributed to the advancement of science via broadening participation amongst under-represented groups in STEM.

The Lloyd N. Ferguson Young Scientist Award: Awarded to a young scientist or engineer (15 years or less from their most recent degree) who has demonstrated excellence in scientific research and documented contributions to his/her field.

Joseph Cannon Award in Chemical Engineering: Awarded to a professional for significant contributions to the field of chemical engineering, as well as related subfields in engineering.

Percy L. Julian Distinguished Award: This award is given for significant contributions in pure and/or applied research in the field of chemistry, as well as related subfields in the sciences.

Nomination packets for professionals should include:

- A **nomination letter** from an individual or organization. This letter **must clearly describe** why the nominee's accomplishments should receive the award. The letter must also describe (**in summary**) the nominee's work and accomplishments **relevant to the award** with particular attention to the impact of the nominee's contributions on his/her chosen field, evidence of originality and creativity, and probable long-range significance of his/her work.
- **One (1) letter of support (400 words or less) [Two (2) are recommended]** from recognized experts in the field from which the committee may make evaluations. These persons must be familiar with the nominee's work. They should also describe the nominee's work and impact in a way relevant to the award's purpose.
- **Complete curriculum vitae**