**Call for Nominations**

**2021 UC Sigma Xi Excellence in Outreach Award**

**For Greater Cincinnati**

The UC Sigma Xi chapter of the National Sigma Xi (Honorary) Scientific Research Society is now accepting nominations for the UC Sigma XI **Excellence in Outreach** Award. This award was started in 2016 to honor an outstanding undergraduate, graduate student or post-doc who instills in K-12 or the greater community an excitement and understanding about the sciences (biology, chemistry, physics, ethics in science etc.) mathematics, engineering or technology. You will find additional information on the national site at <http://www.sigmaxi.org/> and the UC Chapter of Sigma Xi at <http://multisite.uc.edu/sigma>.

The awardee receives a certificate and check for $250. The monetary award is made possible through matching contributions from the Sigma Xi National Office and the Violet M. Diller Endowment to the University of Cincinnati Sigma Xi Chapter. The awardee will be acknowledged and check delivered at our annual UC Sigma Xi Spring Mixer, typically around March of the award year.

Nominations must come from an active, dues-paying, Sigma Xi (Honorary) Research Society member. A maximum of two (2) additional supporting letters can be included in the nomination package, but **at least one (1) of these supporting letters should be from a student or public individual benefiting from the outreach program.**  Competitive nominations will contain letters from students, parents, and/or co-workers that present the compelling and most salient reasons the nominee is particularly deserving of the Sigma Xi Excellence in Outreach Award.

Selection criteria will include evidence of significant impact in promoting public understanding and excitement in math, science, technology or engineering fields, or evidence of mentoring K-12 students to pursue careers in such fields.

Nominations should include the following:

* A completed 2-page Nomination Form
* A 2-page Resume or CV of the nominee with nominee contact information
* Nomination Letter from an active Sigma Xi Member
* Maximum of two supporting letters, one of which must be from a K-12 student or public individual benefiting from the outreach program
* One Page statement by the nominee describing their outreach efforts and WHY they think outreach is important.

The nominator must submit the **completed nomination form, letter of nomination from nominator and up to two supporting letters** electronically via email (PDF files preferred but scanned or other electronic formats will be accepted; all materials must be included in the same email submission). Mailed applications will not be accepted for consideration.

**DEADLINE for Receipt of Applications: Friday, January 22, 2021**

Nomination materials should be emailed to:

 Dr. Margaret Hanson

 Chair, UC Sigma Xi Awards Committee

 E-mail: Margaret.Hanson@uc.edu

 For questions please email Dr. Hanson or call (513) 556-5896

**NOMINATION FORM**

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**Hosted by the UNIVERSITY of CINCINNATI SIGMA XI CHAPTER**

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Nominee’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Contact Info (Phone and/or Email): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Brief Academic Bio-Sketch**

College or University Attended Degree Date or Expected

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Nominator (name and **Sigma Xi membership ID**): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator’s Contact Info (Phone and/or Email): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Title/Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 By checking this box, the nominator confirms she/he is an active dues-paying member of the National and UC Chapter of Sigma Xi at the time of nomination submission.

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Names and contact information of individual(s) submitting additional letters of support/recommendation.

Letters must be included with the submitted nomination package. At least 1 supporting letter must be from a K-12 student or public individual benefiting from the outreach program.

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Current Title/Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Optional 2nd letter)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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