

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is pleased to accept nominations for the 2012 Alan T. Waterman Award. Each year, the Foundation bestows the Waterman Award in recognition of talent, creativity, and influence of a singular young researcher. Established in 1975 to commemorate the Foundation's first Director, the Waterman Award is NSF's highest honor for promising, early-career, researchers.

Nominees are accepted from any field of science or engineering that NSF supports. The award recipient will receive a medal and an invitation to the formal awards ceremony in Washington, DC. In addition, the recipient will receive a grant of \$500,000 over a three-year period for scientific research or advanced study in any field of science or engineering supported by the National Science Foundation, at any institution of the recipient's choice.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

1. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. They must be 35 years of age or younger, or not more than 7 years beyond receipt of their Ph.D. degree, by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.
2. Candidates should have demonstrated exceptional individual achievements in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality to place them at the forefront of their peers. Criteria include originality, innovation, and significant impact on the field.

For detailed nomination information, please visit <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/>.

Complete nomination packages, consisting of nominations and four letters of reference, are due by October 31, 2011. The nominations and letters must be received through the FastLane system. Please contact the Program Manager for the Alan T. Waterman Award at [waterman@nsf.gov](mailto:waterman@nsf.gov) or 703-292-8040 if you have any questions. You may also visit <http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/waterman.jsp> for more information. A PDF version of the call for nominations is available at [http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/nsf\\_watermanaward\\_2012callfornominations\\_110728.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/od/waterman/nsf_watermanaward_2012callfornominations_110728.pdf).

The nomination of deserving colleagues is one of the most important and gratifying aspects of service in the scientific community. Please help celebrate the contributions of a promising young researcher by submitting a nomination for the Alan T. Waterman award.