

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring



- The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) represent the highest honors bestowed upon mentors who work to expand science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) talent.
- The Awards were established in 1995 and the first awards were bestowed in 1996. Since then, more than 240 individuals and organizations have been recognized for their exemplary service.
- Awardees serve as leaders in the national effort to develop fully the nation's human resources in STEM. Protégés are students and early career STEM and STEM-related professionals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, women, persons with disabilities, and persons from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds.
- In 2018, the White House announced 43 recipients as PAESMEM awardees.
- Nominations, including self-nominations, are submitted for "Individual" and "Organizational" PAESMEM awards from public and private sectors including industry, academia, K-12, military and government, non-profit organizations, and foundations.
- Nominations are accepted from exceptional STEM or STEM-related mentoring in both formal and/or informal settings. Nominations are also accepted from all geographical regions in the U.S., its territories and particularly jurisdictions designated by Congress under the National Science Foundation (NSF)'s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).
- Each nominator or nominee completes an online application that demonstrates at least 5 years of mentoring excellence.
- Selection committees of outstanding scientists, mathematicians, education researchers, and educators review nominations. Recommendations are sent to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for final selection.
- Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President and a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities. They also receive a \$10,000 award from NSF.
- The Excellence Awards in Science and Engineering (EASE) Program within NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) administers PAESMEM on behalf of OSTP.
- The EASE Program also manages the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST; paemst.org).
- For additional information and a list of awardees, go to PAESMEM.net.
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