

# *DRI Nevada Medal Nomination & Selection Process Overview*



## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

The DRI Nevada Medal nomination process is a continuing effort of soliciting and accepting nominations from universities, government agencies, corporations, private and non-profit research groups and professional societies and individuals. Nominators may print out and use this Nomination Form or write or email the address below to obtain a formal copy of the form.

To be eligible for consideration, nominators must complete the information requested in the official [DRI Nevada Medal Nomination form](#) and send it to DRI. Additional information, resumes, supporting letters, etc., may be included with the completed nomination form, but the initial review process will focus on the information specifically requested on the form and which is provided by the nominator. Updated or additional information may be submitted to an already active nomination at any time.

## **SELECTION SCHEDULE**

The selection process for the DRI Nevada Medal occurs during the spring every two years (currently in even-numbered years) and involves the selection of medalists-select for the following two award years. This schedule allows for adequate advance notification of the persons selected, and provides for the subsequent year's selection to be advanced in the event the initial year's selection is unable to accept the award for any reason.

Nominations received by the deadline of the selection year are eligible for consideration for the next four award years. Nominators are invited to update their nominations with relevant supporting materials at any time during the eligibility period.

## **GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA**

The following criteria are general guides for the selection process. Both the overall impact of a nominee's career as well as singular contributions are considered, with reference to the influence on the field of science or engineering, and on the significance of these contributions toward resolution or understanding of critical scientific, environmental or technical challenges.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Consideration should be given to the quality, intensity and breadth of the contribution.
- Consideration should be given to the public perception of the quality of the individual, the individual's ability to motivate and excite the public regarding their scientific accomplishments, and the overall impact on their scientific endeavors for the greater good of humanity.
- Consideration should be given to the nominee's history of and contribution to public service, including educational outreach.
- Consideration should be given to the recipient's impact on improving the quality of life and overall environment.
- Considerations may involve assessing the overall balance of recipients in the areas of science, engineering, technology, and significant discoveries.
- The recipient should view the award as an honor to receive.
- The recipient should add prestige to the award and should be appropriately recognized by his or her peers.
- The recipient must be an effective and dynamic communicator of his/her science to the general public.

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## **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The DRI Nevada Medal Nominations Committee (chaired by the Co-Vice Chair of DRI's Foundation with two additional Foundation Board members and the DRI Executive Vice President for Research) will actively solicit a broad candidate pool. The Nominations Committee determines that candidates meet the nomination criteria and have made significant contributions to science or engineering. The defined candidate pool will next be screened by a Public Outreach Group (Chaired by DRI's Director of Communications, Executive Vice President of Research, Vice President for Development, and Public Information Officer) to ensure that finalists have outstanding communication skills. A slate of highly qualified finalists is then forwarded to the DRI Nevada Medal Selection Committee.

The DRI Nevada Medal Selection Committee is composed of a representative from the award's financial sponsor (AT&T), the Governor of Nevada or the governor's designee, the Chair of the Nominations Committee, the DRI Foundation Chair, and the President of DRI who will serve as the selection committee chair. The Selection Committee determines the medalist-select for the following two award cycles. The Selection Committee Chair then contacts the medalist-select to notify them of their selection and to determine their willingness and ability to accept the award and fulfill the commitments accompanying the award.

In the event a medalist-select is unable to accept the award, or becomes unable due to scheduling, illness or death, etc., the Selection Committee chair shall follow a rank order previously determined by the selection committee or call either a special meeting of the Committee to select another person from the slate of finalists.

**The DRI Nevada Medal Selection Committee**  
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***Nominations remain active for a period of four years  
and may be renewed and/or updated by the nominator.***