

Mahoney Life Sciences Prize at UMass Amherst: Recognizing Excellence in Applied Life Sciences Research

About the Mahoney Prize

The Mahoney Life Sciences Prize is awarded annually to honor excellence and recognize academic achievement that propels significant advances in science and industry. One award will be made to a faculty member within the UMass Amherst College of Natural Sciences who was the principal author of a peer-reviewed paper reporting original research published during the previous two years. The paper can be on any topic in the life sciences that is new research with translatable applications to industry and society. The prize includes an award of \$10,000 as well as opportunities to present the research to industry leaders and the UMass Amherst community.

Eligibility and Application Process

- All College of Natural Sciences faculty at UMass Amherst are eligible to submit relevant work.
- Papers written by more than one author are permitted, if a CNS faculty member was the primary author.

How to Apply

Please submit the following in an application package by **September 15, 2017**. **The pdf materials should be emailed to Wendy Varner at wvarner@cns.umass.edu:**

- CONTACT information for the author, including email address.
- ESSAY - A 500-word essay describing how this research paper has made a substantial contribution to the field since its publication, as well as the potential for these findings to continue to significantly inform and affect a major scientific challenge. If applicable, essay submissions should provide a discussion of the translatable and practical applications of the research to industry.
- PAPER - Only one paper per author. This paper should be published in a peer-reviewed science journal within the past 24 months prior to closing date for submissions. Papers can be of any length.
- CV

Selection

Reviewers are seeking to identify a pioneering scientist whose paper provides a groundbreaking study with findings that hold great promise for the field. The application package will undergo two stages of review:

- First, a representative group of eminent researchers within the UMass Amherst College of Natural Sciences will review and identify up to 10 papers for consideration at the next level.
- Second, these papers will be reviewed by a select external advisory committee of industry leaders and alumni scholars in the field, who will choose the final paper.

Notification

Applicants will be notified of their progress to the second stage of review in December. The selected prize winner will be notified in early spring, which will be followed by a public announcement.

Please contact Wendy Varner, CNS Director of Faculty Development programs, at wvarner@cns.umass.edu or 413-545-5434, with questions about this application and process.