

RON MARDIGIAN MEMORIAL BIO-RAD EXPLORER AWARD

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Bio-Rad Explorer™ Program and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) have partnered to recognize an outstanding high school teacher who has made cutting edge life science research topics accessible to their students. This award has been established in memory of Ron Mardigian, the inspiration behind and founder of the Bio-Rad Explorer program.

AWARD

The award consists a \$2500 certificate for Bio-Rad products and up to \$1000 in expenses to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education. The awardee will be honored at the Teacher Awards Banquet; the awardee and one teacher guest of the awardee will be invited to dinner with members of the Bio-Rad Explorer team.

Applicants are also encouraged to apply for Bio-Rad's Mini-Grant. This grant awards up to \$2,000 in Bio-Rad materials. Grant applications can be requested by emailing bio-rad_explorer@bio-rad.com.

ELIGIBILITY

Teachers of science in grades 9-12, with at least two years of experience integrating cutting edge life science research topics into their lessons, that are legal residents of the fifty United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications should reflect current science educational research, NGSS or national science education standards if necessary and must include the following information in the order presented:

- ★ A narrative describing how they cutting edge life science research topics in the classroom which includes how safety procedures are addressed, not to exceed character equivalent of 500 words;
- ★ a sample lesson with a summary of a research project completed by one of their students;
- ★ a one-page, character equivalent single-spaced resume that includes teaching experience, professional activities, formal and continuing education, awards, and published material;
- ★ three letters of support from individuals and groups who are familiar with the applicant's work. Letters should not exceed three pages each and must accompany packet. Letters sent separately will not be considered. When possible, use letterhead. Make sure letters are signed and dated accordingly. Letters should be written for and refer to applicant's strengths, accomplishments, and the highlights of his or her teaching or administration methods and experiences that directly connect to the application.

Upon receipt, all applications become the property of NSTA. Applications will not be returned. Late or faxed applications will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received by December 17, 2018. Use the on-line submission form at www.nsta.org/awards to complete your application. Any attachments shall be in pdf format. Questions send e-mail to awards@nsta.org.

