# Call for Nominations

## 2024 National Medal of Science

**Help Recognize America’s Greatest Scientists and Engineers**

The National Medal of Science is the highest recognition the nation can bestow on scientists and engineers.

To learn more and submit a nomination go to [NSF.GOV/NMS](http://NSF.GOV/NMS)

### Nominate a Scientist or Engineer

**Nominations are open February 5 – May 3, 2024**

Nominate a peer or colleague deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding cumulative contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, or behavioral or social sciences, in service to the Nation. These broad areas include such disciples as astronomy, chemistry, computer and information science and engineering, geoscience, materials research, and research on STEM education.

### Facts

- **Highest national honor recognizing outstanding contributions to science and engineering**
- **Awarded by the President of the United States at a ceremony at the White House**
- **515 medals awarded since 1963**
- **Laureates’ careers span decades of achievement and leadership in research and development**

### What does the medal depict?

The gold National Medal of Science depicts a human form, surrounded by Earth, sea and sky, contemplating and seeking to understand nature. The crystal in its hand symbolizes the universal order and also suggests the basic unit of living things. The formula the figure is sketching in the sand symbolizes scientific abstraction.