CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
AAAS SCIENTIFIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Deborah Runkle at 202.326.6794 or drunkle@aaas.org

The award recognizes scientists or engineers or their associations whose exemplary actions have served to foster scientific freedom and responsibility. Such achievements can include acting to protect the public's health, safety or welfare; focusing public attention on important potential impacts of science and technology on society by their responsible participation in public policy debates; or establishing important new precedents in carrying out the social responsibilities or in defending the professional freedom of scientists and engineers.

While some of the awardees have risked their freedom and even physical safety by their actions, others are honored for activities that demonstrate their devotion to the values most honored in the scientific community. Additionally, although some award winners are distinguished scientists or scholars, this is not a requirement for award selection.

This prestigious award has been given by the American Association for the Advancement of Science since 1980. The successful candidate receives a plaque, $5000 and is honored at the AAAS Annual Meeting awards ceremony (February 2017, Boston, MA)

Any help you can provide in spreading the word about the AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award would be appreciated.

Please submit a nomination to drunkle@aaas.org with the following information:

- Names, addresses, phone number, and e-mail of both the nominator and the nominee.
- A summary of the action(s) that form the basis for the nomination (about 250 words).
- A longer statement (no more than three pages) providing additional details of the action(s) for which the candidate is nominated.
- The candidate's vita or short biography (no more than three pages).
- Any documentation (books, articles, or other materials) that elucidates the significance of the nominee's achievement may also be submitted. (All materials become property of AAAS.)
- SUPPORTING LETTERS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT WILL BE ACCEPTED
NOMINATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Learn more about the award on the AAAS website: http://www.aaas.org/page/aaas-award-scientific-freedom-and-responsibility

I welcome phone calls or e-mail inquiries from persons wishing to make a nomination, in order to give them guidance before they begin the nomination process.

Thanks for your help.

Deborah Runkle
Senior Program Associate
American Association for the Advancement of Science
1200 New York Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202.326.6794
Fax: 202.289.4950
E-mail: drunkle@aaas.org

Past winners include:

**Jean Maria Arrigo** (2015)—Dr. Arrigo was honored for her courage in speaking against the American Psychological Associations’ approval of its members’ participation in “enhanced interrogation techniques” and for standing up, in the face of personal attacks, for the ethical behavior of psychologists and the importance of rigorous international standards in US national security policy.

**Omid Kokabee** (2014)—the youngest recipient of the SFR Award, Mr. Kokabee was selected for demonstrating extraordinary courage in defending the freedom of scientists by his highly principled refusal to contribute to weapons research in his home country of Iran. For this stance, he is imprisoned in Iran’s notorious Evin penitentiary.

**Hoosen Coovadia** (2013)—Dr. Coovadia was recognized for his lifelong devotion to children’s health and for defending, in the face of opposition from his government, the use of sound science in the development of policies addressing the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

**Kiyoshi Kurokawa** (2012)—Dr. Kurokawa was recognized for his responsible leadership of an independent investigation into the events leading up to and following the 2011 nuclear Fukushima accident. The report issued by the commission he led was frank in its criticisms of the underlying cultural factors that led to the accident.