

How receiving an award benefits you:

- Increases your visibility in your field
- Expands your professional network
- Enhances your self-esteem
- Furthers your professional reputation
- Enhances your credibility
- Brings prominence to the department, the college, and the University
- Makes you eligible for other recognitions and leadership roles
- Brings about greater acceptance and recognition of you and your work in academia



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How your award benefits all women:

- Increases women's visibility in their fields
- Celebrates the accomplishments of women
- Encourages women to go into the sciences and engineering in academia
- Breaks down cultural, attitudinal, and structural impediments that make it difficult for women to persevere
- Makes you a role model to other women
- Helps diversify the image of science

Awards are not an endpoint! Winning an award opens doors to new opportunities:

- Aligning awards with your career goals advances your science
- Having experience applying for and/or receiving awards allows you to be a representative, a mentor, and a leader
- Winning an award for your work enhances the prestige of the entire University
- Receiving an award positions you for selection to national committees, named lectureships, policy sitting boards, etc.

Always be prepared to apply and be nominated for awards.

Keep updated versions of the following:

- Your curriculum vitae
- A description of your current work
- A list of 4-5 people who will write letters for you (2 inside the University; 3 outside the University)
- A list of what awards matter to you in your career
- A strategic and deliberate plan

Now what?

- Contact department chairs, professional societies, general societies, and let them know of your interest
- Get to know people who have previously won the award in which you are interested
- Cultivate a national mentor
- Fill out an award application yourself
- Regularly scan the University's, departments', and societies' websites for awards and award deadlines

Advancing Your Career through Awards and Recognitions

A Guide for Women Faculty in the Sciences & Engineering

Push Yourself Be a Nominee
Encourage a Colleague Be a Nominator
This Year Each Year



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Examples of awards, recognitions, and special grants

Career Timeline

Graduate School and Post-doctoral

Department; School; College

University (Examples at UW)

Professional Society

General Society (e.g., NAS AAAS, IOM, etc.)

Special Grants and Recognitions

- Dissertator Awards
- Fellowships

- WARF Fellowships

- Dissertation Awards
- Pre-doctoral Training
- Targeted Society Projects

- Scholarships

- NIH Trainee
- Fellowships
- NIH Fellowships Awards from NIH

Pre-tenure

- Teaching

- Vilas Associates

- Best Paper Awards

- Young Researcher

- NSF CAREER Awards
- NIH K Awards

Tenure

- Publication
- Alumnae/Alumni

- Romnes Professorship

- Fellowships

- Lectureships

- Program Project Grants; R01s
- Chair Major Policy and Research Committees

Professor

- Named Professorships
- Service
- Research Contributions

- Kellett Professorship
- Vilas
- Hilldale

- Senior Fellows
- Career Contributions

- Examples: AAAS, AAE, AAS, IOM, Sigma Xi
- Honorary Memberships

- Distinguished Teaching Scholars (NSF)
- Direct Training Grants (NIH)
- MERIT (NIH)

Timeless Awards: Teaching excellence awards; community and public service awards; book/publication awards; key committee memberships.