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Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, 40 years of age or younger, or no more than 10 years beyond receipt of their Ph.D. degrees by December 31 of the year in which they are nominated.

Candidates should have demonstrated exceptional individual achievements in scientific or engineering research of sufficient quality to place them at the forefront of their peers. Criteria include originality, innovation, and significant impact on their field.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 22, 2018

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