WIB Capital Region Rising Star Award Program

The Rising Star Award recognizes life sciences women in the early to mid-stage* of their career. Recipients of this honor represent various sectors of the life sciences who have made significant contributions within the Capital Region. The award is presented during the annual HERstory Gala. The awardee(s) must be able to attend and will receive a complimentary ticket.

*Mid-stage career is defined as up to 15 years of life sciences industry experience, including post-doctoral appointments.

Rising Star Award recipients are individuals with the following characteristics:

- Women In Bio member
- No more than 15 years of professional career experience
- Exemplifies leadership and is a role model for others
- Assists those in subordinate or peer positions and is a team player
- Is a true example of top talent at their employment organization
- Contributes significantly to her organization, preferably in numerous areas
- Contributes to the life sciences ecosystem within the Capital Region.

Rising Star Award recipient selection process:

- Only 1 application will be reviewed per organization. HERstory Sponsors and Capital Region Chapter Leading, Supporting, and Community Sponsors may nominate an extra candidate (each). The nominated individual does not need to be employed by the nominating organization.
- Applications are reviewed and chosen by the WIB-Capital Region Leadership Team.
- In the event that no nominee meets the Rising Star Award criteria (see above), the award will not be presented that year. Multiple awards may also be presented.

Rising Star Award accolades:

- Personal recognition at the HERstory Gala from the podium
- Acknowledgement in the WIB National Newsletter
- Being highlighted on the WIB-Capital Region Member Spotlight
- 1-year complimentary attendance to all WIB-Capital Region events
- Invitation to participate in key Capital Region Chapter volunteer committees – gaining access to thought leaders, great visibility within the industry and experiential leadership opportunities

Submission Packet Material:

- Candidates themselves or a company representative should submit the nomination packet.
- 1-page summary (0.5” margins, 10pt font) in the form of a letter from the candidate addressing the criteria above along with: 1) their professional goals, leadership/mentorship experience, contributions both within external to the company; 2) a brief statement of what Women In Bio membership means to them; 3) their email address and other contact information.
- 2 letters of support attesting to leadership skills and other reasons for the nomination.
- **Nomination Packets** should be sent to the Capital Region Chapter Chair at capitalregion@womeninbio.org.