

Dear Colleague,

It is time for us to recognize great science teaching in our midst. There are plenty of terrific Science Teachers in Iowa, and The Iowa Academy of Science (IAS) wants to present Excellence in Science Teaching Awards (ESTA) to them. Sixty-six years ago in 1957, the IAS awarded the first ESTA's recognizing and honoring Excellence among the K-12 science teachers of Iowa. For more information regarding the awards, go to www.scienceiowa.org. **Click on IAS & ISTS Awards.**

Each year, outstanding teachers from all grade levels and areas of science are eligible to be recognized for their work and innovations in science education. Please nominate a colleague or yourself, today. To nominate **online** go to www.scienceiowa.org and **click on IAS & ISTS Awards**. The ESTA Brochure and instructions for nominating online, or via USPS mail, are found on this webpage.

The deadline for submission is Sunday, February 19th. Nominations are encouraged from administrators, colleagues, or a teacher may self-nominate. Note: Two letters of support are to accompany the nomination, and of the two letters, one must be from the nominee's administrator. The complete packet is due, **2/19/2023**. Nominators should make sure all letters of support and the nominee's essay responses are submitted by the deadline.

The nomination process is easy: filling in vita information, responses to 4 essay questions, plus two letters of support completes the process. The nomination may be completed online at www.scienceiowa.org and **click on IAS & ISTS Awards**.

Final selections are made by the Awards and Recognition Committee of the Iowa Academy of Science. Winners are honored at a luncheon during the Iowa Academy of Science Annual Meeting. Awardees receive a plaque and a \$100 award. You do not need to be a member of the Academy to receive the award.

Nominations are accepted in the following eight categories which allow up to 11 teachers to be recognized:

- Physical Science (ea. physics, chemistry, physical science, etc.)
- Life Science (ea. biology, anatomy/physiology, life science, genetics, etc.)
- Earth/Space Science/Environmental Science
- General/Multiple Science (ea. integrated science, interdisciplinary courses, multiple preps)
- Middle School/Junior High Science
- **TWO** = Elementary Science (**two** awards may be given/year)
- Science Supervisory (District, private, AEA, museum, naturalist, etc.)
- **THREE** = STEM (Elementary Level, Middle School Level, and High School Level (all **3** may be awarded.)

Any previous ESTA winner who has had an **assignment change** is eligible to be nominated in their new area.

Nominate a colleague, or even yourself, today.

If you have any questions, please contact craig.johnson@uni.edu.

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