**2021 Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award**

The University of Cincinnati Sigma Xi Chapter, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Research, will award the Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award to a UC junior faculty member in recognition of his/her early career distinguished research accomplishments in a field of science or engineering appropriate to Sigma Xi. <http://multisite.uc.edu/sigma> <http://www.sigmaxi.org/>

**NOMINATIONS INVITED:** Nominations are now being solicited for this award; an individual may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by any UC Faculty member.  The nomination form is attached to this announcement.

**ELIGIBILITY:** *A nominee for the Sigma Xi Award must be < 12 years of her/his terminal degree at the award deadline.* A major portion of the distinguished research should have been performed at the University of Cincinnati. Sigma Xi membership is not required, but nominees and the award winner will be invited to become members, if they are not already.

**DOSSIER CONTENT:** All nominations should include evidence of the value or impact of the nominee's scholarly research works in science or engineering. CV's should not list abstracts. In addition to the nominating form, the packet must include a nominating letter from the nominator or nominee describing (3) outstanding examples of the nominee’s work, nominee’s 500-word statement of research motivation and impact, the nominee’s 2-page CV or resume one (1) letter of support from another individual currently at UC who can speak to the nominee’s impact on the nominee’s field and one (1) letter from an individual external to UC who can assess the national stature of the nominee’s research accomplishments performed at UC. The external letter should not be from the nominee’s terminal degree (e.g., PhD) or postdoc mentors. It is the responsibility of the nominator to obtain the supporting letters. Dossiers from previous years are not retained. Prior nominees who are still eligible must be nominated anew.

**SUBMIT SINGLE PDF**: The complete nomination package, including nomination form, nominator’s letter describing three (3) outstanding examples of the nominee’s work (if not a self-nomination), two (2) supporting letters, nominee’s 500-word statement of research motivation and impact, and the nominee’s 2-page CV or resume, must be submitted electronically as a SINGLE PDF file, or it will be returned to the nominator.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The winner of the Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award will be selected by the Awards Committee of Sigma Xi. In reaching a decision, the Committee may consult with additional specialists in the nominee’s field of research. The external letter of support carries significant weight in the selection process.

**LECTURE and HONORARIUM:** The winner will be expected to present a brief public lecture on his/her research appropriate for the general public at the UC annual Spring Mixer, typically in March of the award year. The award also includes an honorarium of three hundred dollars ($300).

**DEADLINE for Receipt of Nominations: Friday, January 22, 2021**

Nomination materials should be emailed as a single PDF to:

 Dr. Margaret Hanson

 Chair, UC Sigma Xi Awards Committee

 E-mail: Margaret.Hanson@uc.edu

 For questions please email Dr. Hanson or call (513) 556-5896

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**Nomination Form**

NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email/phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(If not self-nominated)

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email/phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Nomination letter should describe 3 outstanding **examples** of the nominee's work.

1. Names of individuals providing letters of recommendation/support
2. At UC:

**Name Department/College Email**

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 (b) External (must not be from PhD or postdoc mentors):

**Name Institution Email**

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3. The nominee should provide a 500 word or less statement describing the inspiration, motivation and impact of his/her independent research at UC.

4. A two page *Curriculum Vitae*of nominee should be included with nomination file.

**Please submit via email this completed form, nomination letter (if not self-nomination), two supporting letters, nominee’s 500-word statement of research motivation and impact, and nominee’s 2-page CV as a single PDF file.**

**Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2021**

Nomination materials must be emailed by nominee or the UC Faculty Nominator to:

Dr. Margaret Hanson

Chair, UC Sigma Xi Awards Committee

E-mail: Margaret.Hanson@uc.edu

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