The RIFM Board of Directors, acknowledging the importance of excellence in science to the fragrances industry’s ongoing commitment to human health and the environment, has established an annual award to recognize individuals around the world who have shown outstanding dedication to the advancement of fragrance science. The award honors those whose contributions meet the highest standards in the industry for excellence and distinction by conducting original research and publishing in peer-reviewed journals on topics of fragrance chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, physiology, biotechnology, toxicology, medicine, psychology, and public health. We rely on our members to submit nominations for this award. Nominations are due this year by May 15, 2019.

While the nominee does not need to be an employee of a RIFM member company, his/her contributions should have a direct or implicit benefit to RIFM and its membership by contributing to:

- The understanding of the basic chemistry, biology, physiology, or psychology of fragrance materials
- The application of these advances to fragrance safety
- The development of methodologies for the analysis and evaluation of fragrance safety.

The RIFM Excellence in Fragrance Science Award is intended to provide timely recognition of original and significant contributions to fragrance science and may not be presented every year. A selection subcommittee appointed by the Board of Directors reviews all nominated candidates and recommends a finalist to the full Board of Directors for approval.

Criteria for nomination for the RIFM Excellence in Fragrance Science Award are:

- A globally recognized researcher in academia or industry
- Solid track record of conducting original research & publication in peer-reviewed journals
- Recognized by peers as a leader in the field.

Current members of the RIFM Board of Directors or the Expert Panel for Fragrance Safety are not eligible for selection.

The award recipient will be invited to make a plenary presentation at the RIFM Annual Members’ Meeting on September 12, 2019, and will be reimbursed for travel and
accommodations. He/she will also receive a special honorarium, a gift from RIFM, and have his or her name inscribed on a plaque permanently located at RIFM headquarters.