

Paula H. Stern Award for Outstanding Faculty in Science and Medicine

The Women Faculty Organization (WFO) is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 9th annual Paula H. Stern Award for Outstanding Faculty in Science and Medicine, established by the Department of Pharmacology in conjunction with the Women Faculty Organization (WFO) in the fall of 2016. This award was commissioned in recognition of Dr. Paula Stern's 50 years of scientific accomplishments and dedicated service to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. In that spirit of her long tenure at Northwestern and lasting contributions to her field, the award is to be given this year to a Feinberg School of Medicine (FSM) faculty member who has spent a significant portion of their career at Northwestern, has exhibited successful basic, translational, or clinical research, strong leadership at a local, national or international level in their field, and who has an exemplary track record of inspiring and mentoring trainees and/or young investigators. WFO is open to all Feinberg faculty, and any faculty member may be nominated regardless of gender.

Dr. Stern joined the Northwestern University FSM faculty in 1966 and served as Professor and Vice Chair of Molecular Pharmacology and Biological Chemistry. Her colleagues and students long recognized her as an exceptional educator and leader in the field of bone and mineral research. Among her many other accolades, Dr. Stern was a founding member of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, and she served as the first female president of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). The ASBMR has since named an annual Paula Stern Achievement Award to recognize a woman who has advanced the bone field and promoted the professional development and advancement of women in this area. Dr. Stern has received two Feinberg educational awards: the George H. Joost Outstanding Teacher Award and the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, and she also received a Distinguished Woman in Medicine and Science award from the Women Faculty Organization in 2008.

Nature of the Award

The Paula H. Stern Award for Outstanding Faculty in Science and Medicine is given annually by the Feinberg School of Medicine Women Faculty Organization (FSM-WFO) through the generous support of the Department of Pharmacology. The recipient will be honored with a plaque with the name of the award and a \$1,000 prize. The names of each year's award recipient will be on permanent display in the Department of Pharmacology conference room (Ward 8-182) on a perpetual award plaque.

Nomination Process

Please submit nomination packets by the deadline of **Tuesday, December 23, 2025**. The nomination packet must include the following items:

Items	Specifics
Letter of nomination	Letter of nomination MUST be submitted by a Northwestern University faculty member.
Additional letters of support	Up to two additional letters of support may be included but are <u>not</u> required. .
Candidate's CV	Current CV or detailed resume.
Candidate's assent to be nominated	Documentation either in writing by the candidate or written into the letter of nomination required.

Nominators, please include the following in your letter of nomination:

- Describe in detail the current creative work, distinguished achievements, or distinguished service which make this nominee worthy of this award.
- List positions (titles and dates) held during performance of work for which nomination is suggested.
- List publications and activities relevant to achievements on which nomination is based.
- List relevant awards or other recognitions received by the nominee.
- Confirm that the nominee is willing to be nominated.

We strongly encourage candidates who have previously applied for this award to RESUBMIT their nomination packets this year.

Please submit completed application packets using this Smartsheet Form:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a730ebed5a654c1a8bfd038b5238f69>.

Selection Process

The WFO and prior Paula Stern winners will review all nomination packets, and based on the above criteria, select the winner of the 2026 Paula H. Stern Award for Outstanding Faculty in Science and Medicine. The awardee will be informed in January 2026.

Award Ceremony

The award will be presented in late January or early February 2026. Arrangements will be made for the awardee to meet with students, trainees, and faculty in small group settings during the afternoon of the ceremony. The Awardee will then be invited to share a brief presentation describing their significant accomplishments. Following this presentation, they will receive their Award from the WFO, and will be honored by a celebratory reception with the FSM community.

For additional information about the Paula H. Stern Award for Outstanding Faculty in Science and Medicine, contact Courtney McGrosso (WFO administrative support) at wfo@northwestern.edu or call 312-503-6121.