



## BioFrontiers Outstanding Contribution Award

### Award Information and Criteria:

The BioFrontiers Outstanding Contribution Award is designed to recognize BioFrontiers community members who have made a substantial impact within, or external to, BioFrontiers or have gone above and beyond expectations. The award recognizes:

- outstanding contributions to scientific research/creative work; or
- outstanding contributions or service in administration, outreach, and education.

For example, the BioFrontiers Outstanding Contribution Award may be awarded to an individual or team for:

- Developing a new scientific tool, model, or way of thinking that could positively impact BioFrontiers and the larger scientific community.
- Enhancing the bioscience body of knowledge through exceptional resourcefulness and/or scientific discovery.
- Providing a service that inspires teaching, research, administrative or outreach excellence among the BioFrontiers community.
- Creating a new solution or strategy to enhance the efficiency or value of BioFrontiers.

The criteria used to evaluate each nomination are the following:

- Outstanding initiative, resourcefulness, creativity, or innovation
- Exceptional collaborative or interdisciplinary achievement
- Impact to the BioFrontiers community and/or external community

Awards for 2026 will be given for outstanding contributions made between June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026.

### Nomination:

- BioFrontiers will annually solicit nominations, from any colleague or associate of a BioFrontiers-affiliated student or employee, for outstanding performance by an individual or team.

### Eligibility:

- At the time of the nomination deadline, nominees (excepting students) must be active CU Boulder employees and actively affiliated with BioFrontiers.
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- Student nominees must be currently enrolled or have graduated no earlier than one academic year prior to the nomination.
- Eligible:
  - all pre-doc IQ Biology students in any lab
  - undergraduate or graduate students who work in BioFrontiers core faculty labs or BioFrontiers council member labs
  - all active employees (staff, research staff, postdocs, research professors) who work for BioFrontiers, work in BioFrontiers core faculty labs, or work in BioFrontiers council member labs
  - research staff and postdocs who are funded externally, but are current members of BioFrontiers labs

- Ineligible:
  - Tenured or tenure-track faculty
  - BioFrontiers directors
  - Visiting scholars
  - Previous winners
  - Selection committee members

**Awards:**

- Award winners will be announced at the BioFrontiers Annual Meeting (typically in August or September). It is anticipated that approximately 1-3 awards will be presented annually.
- Awardees will receive monetary awards and certificates. Individual awardees will receive \$1,000. If a team is selected, \$1,500 will be divided equally among the team members.

**How to Apply:**

- Nominators should complete the BioFrontiers Outstanding Contribution nomination cover sheet and prepare a nomination statement. Please follow the instructions on the nomination cover sheet.
- The materials should be emailed in one PDF document to [Kristen.P.Smith@colorado.edu](mailto:Kristen.P.Smith@colorado.edu) no later than **June 30, 2026**. Nominations cannot be modified once submitted.

**Questions:**

Please email all questions regarding the award process to [Kristen.P.Smith@colorado.edu](mailto:Kristen.P.Smith@colorado.edu).