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January 30, 1968

**SUBJECT:** AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY--AWARD FOR CREATIVE INVENTION

**FROM:** Irving Kator  
Executive Vice-Chairman

**TO:** Directors of Personnel

The American Chemical Society is currently accepting nominations for its "Award for Creative Invention." The purpose of this award is to recognize individual inventors (in private industry and Government) for successful application of research in chemistry or chemical engineering which contribute to the material prosperity and happiness of the people. Additional details on eligibility are in the attached sheet issued by the American Chemical Society.

Since nominees for the award may be drawn from both industry and Government and since the achievements may have occurred any time within the past 17 years, it is clear that only the most exceptional accomplishments in chemistry or chemical engineering will have an opportunity for recognition through this award. Last year 20 of the 40 nominations submitted were from the Federal Government. This indicates that the achievements of Federal chemists or chemical engineers (either now on the rolls or retired) are sufficiently exceptional for this competition.

The procedure for the American Chemical Society awards is different from that used by many other organizations. The society accepts formal nominations only from (1) its professional membership, and (2) special Canvassing Committees appointed from professionals in the field of chemistry. Dr. C. H. Fisher of Agriculture's Southern Regional Research Laboratory is one of the three members of the Canvassing Committee for the Award for Creative Invention. He is interested in receiving the names of possible Federal nominees for the Creative Invention Award. A detailed justification statement is not necessary at this time. All that is required by March 1 is the name of the individual, a brief statement of his invention or innovative contributions in chemistry, and the name of a colleague or supervisor who could draft the additional data needed for a formal nomination in the event the Canvassing Committee wishes to submit a nomination.

*D/Pers Leadline  
26 Feb 68*

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I hope you will bring this letter to the attention of scientific leaders in your agency who would know of the most outstanding innovators in the field of chemistry or chemical engineering. Chairman Macy is aware of the award and we are all hoping that the Federal service will produce the names of several exceptional nominees. Nominations sent in last year must be resubmitted for the individual to be considered this year. The names should be submitted promptly since the Canvassing Committee must complete its screening and obtain official nominations by March 1, 1968.

Send the nomination directly to Dr. C. H. Fisher, Southern Regional Research Laboratory, 1100 Robert E. Lee Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119.

Attachment

P. O. Box 19687

New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

January 2, 1968

The American Chemical Society Award  
for Creative Invention

The Canvassing Committee of the American Chemical Society for Creative Invention asks your help in finding worthy nominees and individuals who, as friends or colleagues of the nominees, are willing and able to prepare the necessary nominating documents. The first and most important step is to identify the worthy nominees. The following information about the ACS Award for Creative Invention is from the booklet "Awards Administered by the American Chemical Society:

"Purpose. To recognize individual inventors for successful applications of research in chemistry and/or chemical engineering which contribute to the material prosperity and happiness of people.

"Nature. The award consists of a gold medal, a bronze replica of the medal, and a certificate. The traveling expenses incidental to the conferring of the award are paid.

"Establishment and Support. The award was established in 1966 by the Board of Directors of the Society.

"Rules of Eligibility. A nominee must be a resident of the United States or Canada. A patent must have been granted for the work to be recognized and it shall have been developed during the preceding seventeen years ending January 1 of the year in which the award is presented."

"ACS awards are designed to recognize individual accomplishment. The sharing of an award will be voted only in exceptional cases and then only on approval of the sponsor and the Committee on Awards and Recognitions."

We are now asking for the names of possible nominees, with a brief statement of the achievements, and the name of the person who might be able and willing to prepare the nominating documents. We shall appreciate prompt action because the deadline for submitting nominations is March 1, 1968. Information about making the nominations is given in the attachment.

Sincerely yours,

*C. H. Fisher*

Canvassing Committee, ACS Award for  
Creative Invention

C. H. Fisher, Chairman

T. L. Gresham

E. R. Gilliland

Attachment

cc:

R. M. Warren

After worthy nominees and the individuals to submit the nominations have been identified, the information given below on the nominating documents should be helpful:

Nominations are to be sent before March 1, 1968 to:

Mr. R. M. Warren  
Assistant to the President  
American Chemical Society  
1155 Sixteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

"Any member of the Society (except a member of the Award Committee) may submit one nomination for each award. Such proposal must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the nominee (including date of birth), a list of his publications and patents, specific identification of the work on which the nomination is based, and an evaluation and appraisal of the nominee's accomplishments, particularly the work to be recognized by the proposed award. If the proposed nominee is eligible for any of the other ACS awards, state clearly the reason(s) for selection of the particular award.

"The evaluation and appraisal of the nominee's accomplishments is of great importance and should be prepared with care. It provides an opportunity to spotlight contributions of particular significance to theory or practice and to show how these have been applied. An analysis of patents is especially valuable. If the nominee is not the sole author of important publications listed or evaluated, his contribution should be specified.

"Seconding letters are not necessary. Only those which contain factual information about the candidate not provided in the nominating document will be transmitted to the selection committee. In no instance may more than two (2) such supporting letters be included as part of the nomination. In nominations by petition, the person whose signature is first will be considered as the nominator and the endorsements which follow will be eliminated.

Although not required, reprints and/or preprints may be included if the subject treated is restricted to work on which the nomination is based primarily. The number of reprints and/or preprints may not exceed five (titles).

"Renomination of candidates is encouraged. However, nominations are not extended automatically from year to year. A formal letter of renomination must be submitted by the sponsor each year prior to the March 1 deadline if the candidate is to be considered.

"The original and two copies of the nomination and seconding letters and eight copies of any printed material (reprints, preprints, etc.) must be furnished for distribution to the members of the Award Committee. The nomination and its accompanying material must be received in the Office of the Executive Secretary before March 1 of the year preceding that in

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