



THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

THE NIGERIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (NAS) GOLD MEDAL PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2026 (PHYSICAL SCIENCES)

We are pleased to call for nominations for the 2026 NAS Gold Medal Prize for Nigerian scientists in the physical sciences.

A. Background

The NAS Gold Medal (Prize for Science) is an annual award in recognition of personal or group scientific excellence, which runs in two categories – life sciences and physical sciences - in alternate years respectively. This year's prize will be awarded in the physical sciences. The public announcement of a winner (or winners) will be made in November 2026, and the prize-giving ceremony will take place in early 2027.

B. Selection Criteria

The selection of candidates will be guided by the following criteria:

- Possession of a doctoral degree;
- Active involvement in a field of research in the physical sciences;
- Scientific excellence demonstrated through published works, patents, innovations, and intellectual property rights of merit in a field of research in the physical sciences;
- Upright morality;
- Contribution to excellence in basic/fundamental or applied research, for a specific work done predominantly in Nigeria, with relevance to Nigeria, and with international resonance and potential applicability to the global community;
- Outstanding, original, groundbreaking achievements, widely accepted to contribute to the promotion and improvement of the human condition through the application of science.

C. Guidelines for Nomination

- The award is open to all Nigerian citizens, within or outside the country, except Fellows of the Nigerian Academy of Science
- Any Nigerian citizen, including Fellows of the Nigerian Academy of Science, may nominate candidates
- Each nomination must be made by at least two people, one of whom is identified as the corresponding nominator whose biodata must accompany the nomination

- Nominations shall be made strictly according to the nomination format prescribed below, submitting only one nomination form per person ([download the nomination form here](#))
- In addition to submitting the completed nomination form, signed by the candidate and nominators, nominations must be accompanied by:
 - A concise two-page curriculum vitae of the nominee (using the prescribed format)
 - A complete list of the candidate’s publications
 - Copies of the candidate’s 10 most important publications (including those relevant to the specific work for which the nomination is being made)
- The prize is open to being awarded to a single individual or as a joint prize arising from the specific work of more than one person in the same field of physical sciences.

D. Procedure for Nomination

- The call for nominations for physical sciences in 2026 opens on the 4th of May, 2026 and closes on the 29th of June, 2026 (8 weeks).
- Nominations are to be made electronically. The complete nomination package must be emailed to prizes@nas.org.ng. Email subject should be “Entry for NAS Gold Medal 2026” Preferred file format is PDF. Paper nominations will not be accepted.
- A nomination is not considered fully submitted until the corresponding nominator receives a confirmation e-mail from NAS; confirmation will be sent within 5 business days of receiving a nomination.
- Nominations must be emailed to prizes@nas.org.ng not later than 12 Midnight 29th of June, 2026.
- A public announcement of a winner(s) will be made in November 2026.

E. Checklist of Submissions

1. Completed and signed nomination form.
2. Curriculum vitae of candidate (2 pages maximum) – use prescribed format.
3. Copies of 10 most important publications.
4. Complete list of candidate’s publications.
5. Brief biodata of the corresponding nominator.

For further information, please contact the NAS Secretariat using aogunmoroti@nas.org.ng or +234 808 962 2442

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