



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Ralph S. Northam  
Governor

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Dear Friend:

I am pleased to announce that the Science Museum of Virginia is now accepting nominations for **Virginia's Outstanding Scientist Awards for 2019**.

For the past 34 years, this program has honored Virginia scientists who, through their research and commitment, have made our world a better place. Scientific advancement is key to our future economic security and this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate some of the great work taking place in Virginia's universities and research centers.

I encourage you to nominate one or more members of your research staff who have advanced the pursuit of scientific knowledge or contributed significantly to a major technological development. A distinguished panel of world-renowned Virginia scientists will select the award recipient. The awards will be presented in Richmond in September 2019, at the Science Museum of Virginia's Outstanding STEM Awards reception.

Enclosed are the Virginia Outstanding Scientist 2019 Guidelines and the nomination application. Thank you for all the excellent work that you continue to do and your commitment to improving the quality of life for all Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam

Enclosures: Outstanding Scientist Nomination Form