

CALL FOR DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD NOMINATIONS

Marylou Buyse Distinguished Scientist Award. This award, named after the first female president of the SCGDB, was created to recognize mid-career SCGDB members who have made important contributions to the craniofacial sciences.

David Bixler Distinguished Scientist Award. This award, named after the first President of the SCGDB, is the society's highest scientific honor created to recognize long-term distinguished leadership and meritorious contributions to the craniofacial sciences by a senior level SCGDB member.

Nominations will be solicited annually from Society membership and are reviewed by the Committee on Nominations (per Bylaws, the Committee on Nominations is appointed by the President, with the President acting as member of the Committee as well); however, in the event that no nominations are received, the Committee on Nominations will generate a list of nominees. The Committee on Nominations will then evaluate nominees for eligibility and share their ranked evaluations with the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will make the final decision based on the following criteria:

- **Contribution to the field:**
 - Robust research program with a recognized craniofacial focus
 - Publications (in number and impact) relative to craniofacial biology
 - History and collegiality within the field (particularly for the Bixler Award)
- **Service:**
 - Mentorship of trainees
 - Service within their institution (e.g., committee participation)
 - Service within the community (e.g., reviewer, judge, study section, etc.)
- **Membership within the Society:**
 - Duration
 - Contributions
 - Poster judge
 - Poster presentations

- **Platform presentations**

The Committee on Nominations and the Executive Committee withhold the right to also consider additional criteria including focus of research (genetics/development/disease/morphometrics/etc.) and background to ensure diversity and inclusion. After the Executive Committee makes its decision, the President will send each awardee an email informing them of the award and inviting them to speak at the annual meeting.