

## **KSEF Fellow – Guidelines**

### **BACKGROUND**

Per the Kentucky Innovation Act 2000 (Section 22), the General Assembly directed the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) to create and manage the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation (KSEF) as a means to increase Kentucky's capacity to become a leader state in competitive research by attracting more research funding from all sources to the Commonwealth. The Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation ... shall make its own investments in peer-reviewed science and engineering research, to accelerate the rate of research and development funds, and to work to increase the amount of federal and private sector funds for this work.

### **PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION**

"KSEF Fellow" is an honor conferred by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, through the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation. The honor is bestowed to distinguished persons to recognize their significant contributions to the advancement of excellence in science and engineering in Kentucky, helping foster a science and engineering innovation-based entrepreneurial culture in the Commonwealth.

The "KSEF Fellow" recognition is open to both Kentucky and non-Kentucky residents who have contributed significantly in the development and management of policies and programs towards advancing excellence in science, engineering, and/or technology-based entrepreneurial culture in Kentucky.

### **SOLICITATIONS**

Each year the KSTC/KSEF staff, through a press-release and/or other means of public notifications, will solicit nominations from the general public and specifically from the Commonwealth's business and scientific communities.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Anyone may nominate someone for consideration of "KSEF Fellow" recognition; however, you cannot self-nominate. The nomination package must include: (1) the nominee's specific accomplishments, (2) two support letters or memos, and (3) the nominee's CV/resume. Each nomination should clearly highlight the nominee's accomplishments in one or more of the following criteria:

- Tangible evidence of scientific or engineering innovation excellence;
- Demonstrable specific impact on Kentucky's reputation in the sciences, engineering, and technology – one that goes beyond a nominee's work;
- Developments and/or leadership in technical areas or strategies that potentially advance science and the Kentucky economy;
- Mentoring and coaching future generations of Kentucky scientists and engineers;
- Identification or development of unique scientific or engineering discoveries in concept, application and/or performance, or creation of innovative business processes that improve operational efficiency, productivity, and quality.

Nominations must be addressed to the KSEF Executive Director, Dr. Mahendra Jain, and submitted via email to [KSEFfellow@kstc.com](mailto:KSEFfellow@kstc.com)

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

The nomination package will be reviewed by the KSEF Executive Director and the KSEF Staff. The KSEF Advisory Board will then review nominations and prepare recommendations for approval by the Executive Committee of the KSTC Board. In special cases, if someone is found worthy of recognition, the KSTC President and/or KSTC Board member may nominate directly to the KSTC Executive Committee.

### **HONOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The recipient(s) will be recognized at an annual meeting or at a special recognition ceremony to be announced. There is no annual limit on the number of fellows. No one will be recognized if there are no applicants deemed meritorious.