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## Helen Keller Prize for Vision Research Call for Nominations – 2026

The Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education is accepting nominations for the **2026** Helen Keller Prize for Vision Research, presented in partnership with BrightFocus Foundation. Established in 1994, the Helen Keller Prize is one of the most prestigious and coveted awards presented in the field of vision research.

Worldwide nominations are hereby requested that **recognize an individual of high character for research excellence as demonstrated by a number of significant research contributions to vision science during the course of a career or for a single research contribution of exceptional importance to vision science.**

Submitted materials required are two independently written letters of nomination describing the contributions of the nominee and his/her impact on visual science and/or eye care. Each letter should not exceed three pages. The candidate's bio-sketch (NEI or abbreviated CV, six-page maximum) should be included as well. Nominations should be sent electronically to:

[lbeckwith@helenkellerfoundation.org](mailto:lbeckwith@helenkellerfoundation.org), no later than January 31, 2025. The independent Prize Selection Committee includes scientists and physicians who are leading figures in the international ophthalmic community.

### Helen Keller Laureates:

<b>2025</b>	To be Announced at a Later Date	<b>2013</b>	László Bitó, Ph.D.
<b>2024</b>	José Cunha-Vaz, M.D., Ph.D.	<b>2011</b>	Endre A. Balazs, M.D.
<b>2023</b>	Gustavo D. Aguirre, V.M.D., Ph.D.;	<b>2010</b>	Claes H. Dohlman, M.D., Ph.D.
	Jean Bennett, M.D., Ph.D.;	<b>2009</b>	Hugh R. Taylor, AC
	Samuel G. Jacobson, M.D., Ph.D.;	<b>2008</b>	Joram Piatigorsky, Ph.D.
	Albert M. Maguire, M.D. and	<b>2007</b>	Elke Lütjen-Drecoll, M.D. and
	T. Michael Redmond, Ph.D.		Johannes W. Rohen, M.D.
<b>2022</b>	Mae O. Gordon, Ph.D. and	<b>2006</b>	Judah Folkman, M.D.
	Michael A. Kass, M.D.	<b>2005</b>	Alfred Sommer, M.D., M.H.S.
<b>2020</b>	Sheila K. West, Ph.D., Pharm.D.	<b>2004</b>	Alan Bird, M.D.
<b>2019</b>	Jeremy Nathans, M.D., Ph.D. and	<b>2003</b>	David Maurice, Ph.D.
	King-Wai Yau, Ph.D.	<b>2002</b>	Anders Bill, M.D., Ph.D.
<b>2018</b>	Webster Cavenee, Ph.D.;	<b>2001</b>	Donald Gass, M.D.
	Thaddeus P. Dryja, M.D.;	<b>2000</b>	John E. Dowling, Ph.D.
	Brenda L. Gallie, M.D. and	<b>1999</b>	Lorenz Zimmerman, M.D.
	A. Linn Murphree, M.D.	<b>1998</b>	Norman Ashton, CBE, FRS, D.Sc.
<b>2017</b>	Gerrit Melles, M.D., Ph.D.	<b>1997</b>	Robert Machemer, M.D.
<b>2016</b>	Dean Bok, Ph.D.	<b>1996</b>	David Hubel, M.D. and
<b>2015</b>	Gordon Legge, Ph.D. and		Torsten Wiesel, M.D.
	Robert W. Massof, Ph.D.	<b>1995</b>	Bernard Becker, M.D.
<b>2014</b>	Emily Y. Chew, M.D. and	<b>1994</b>	Arnall Patz, M.D.
	Frederick L. Ferris III, M.D.		