

Helen Keller Prize for Vision Research Call for Nominations – 2027

The Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education is accepting nominations for the **2027** 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(s) 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, no later than January 31, 2026. The independent Prize Selection Committee includes scientists and physicians who are leading figures in the international ophthalmic community.

Helen Keller Laureates:

2026	To be Announced	2014	Emily Y. Chew, M.D. and Frederick L. Ferris III, M.D.
2025	Val C. Sheffield, M.D., Ph.D. and Edwin M. Stone, M.D., Ph.D.	2013	László Bitó, Ph.D.
2024	José Cunha-Vaz, M.D., Ph.D.	2011	Endre A. Balazs, M.D.
2023	Gustavo D. Aguirre, V.M.D., Ph.D.; Jean Bennett, M.D., Ph.D.; Samuel G. Jacobson, M.D., Ph.D.; Albert M. Maguire, M.D. and T. Michael Redmond, Ph.D.	2010	Claes H. Dohlman, M.D., Ph.D.
2022	Mae O. Gordon, Ph.D. and Michael A. Kass, M.D.	2009	Hugh R. Taylor, AC
2020	Sheila K. West, Ph.D., Pharm.D.	2008	Joram Piatigorsky, Ph.D.
2019	Jeremy Nathans, M.D., Ph.D. and King-Wai Yau, Ph.D.	2007	Elke Lütjen-Drecoll, M.D. and Johannes W. Rohen, M.D.
2018	Webster Cavenee, Ph.D.; Thaddeus P. Dryja, M.D.; Brenda L. Gallie, M.D. and A. Linn Murphree, M.D.	2006	Judah Folkman, M.D.
2017	Gerrit Melles, M.D., Ph.D.	2005	Alfred Sommer, M.D., M.H.S.
2016	Dean Bok, Ph.D.	2004	Alan Bird, M.D.
2015	Gordon Legge, Ph.D. and Robert W. Massof, Ph.D.	2003	David Maurice, Ph.D.
		2002	Anders Bill, M.D., Ph.D.
		2001	Donald Gass, M.D.
		2000	John E. Dowling, Ph.D.
		1999	Lorenz Zimmerman, M.D.
		1998	Norman Ashton, CBE, FRS, D.Sc.
		1997	Robert Machemer, M.D.
		1996	David Hubel, M.D. and Torsten Wiesel, M.D.
		1995	Bernard Becker, M.D.
		1994	Arnall Patz, M.D.



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