



October 31, 2024

Dear Deans and Chairs,

I would like to invite your nomination of candidates to the Wayne State University's Academy of Scholars (AOS). **Please also forward this invitation of nomination to the department chairs and unit directors in your school.**

As stated in the Academy's bylaws, "Appointment to the Academy is the highest recognition which may be bestowed upon fellow faculty members by their colleagues." AOS members serve important functions in advancing scholarly activities at Wayne State University. Each year the Academy inducts several lifetime members from the most outstanding and widely recognized faculty members at WSU.

Membership in the AOS signifies the highest level of scholarship, and we value your help in identifying faculty members who are deserving of this honor. According to the Academy's bylaws, the nominee "is a tenured full professor or, a person whose duties are generally the same as a tenured full professor and who does the same kind of academic work as a tenured full professor while holding an appointment that does not provide for tenure". Nominees should be persons whose scholarly research or creative achievements have made significant original contributions to their fields, to the academic community, and/or to society. They should have a national or international reputation and should be persons of high integrity and character.

Please send nominations with the following documents to the Membership Nomination Committee Chair: **Dr. Safwan M. Badr** sbadr@med.wayne.edu and the President: **Mark R Luborsky** mluborsky@wayne.edu by **November 30, 2024**.

Please attach each document separately:

1. Letter(s) of nomination.
2. The nominee's current curriculum vitae or closest equivalent.
3. The names and verified contact information (including e-mail addresses) of six to eight individuals from whom we can seek letters of appraisal for the nominee. We are especially interested in letters of appraisal from senior academics in a wide range of national and, where appropriate, international institutions.

Once the nomination materials are received, the Nominating Committee will solicit external letters of appraisal for each nominee. Candidates will be evaluated and, if deemed appropriate, put forward for election by AOS members. Successful election to the AOS membership requires approval from 75% of the members' votes.

The nomination process is *completely confidential*, so please take care not to inadvertently inform the candidate of his/her nomination. We will also maintain confidentiality in the process of soliciting external letters of appraisal.

On behalf of AOS, I thank you for your support and assistance in this important endeavor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark R. Luborsky'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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