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Nominations for the 2026 Colvin Prize

Dear Colleague:

The **Colvin Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research** is an award of \$50,000 given by the **Brain & Behavior Research Foundation**, to an outstanding scientist carrying out work on the causes, pathophysiology, treatment, or prevention of bipolar illness. The scientist to be recognized is one who gives particular promise for advancing our understanding of affective illness or its basic brain mechanisms that will lead to new treatment approaches.

Before selecting the awardee(s) for 2026, a panel consisting of Drs. Victoria Arango, Erika Forbes (*co-chair*), James Murrough, Andrew Nierenberg, Alan Schatzberg, Jared Young and myself will review the contributions of suggested scientists from around the world who are carrying out work on bipolar illness.

I am writing to you and to other leading scientists to ask if you would call to our attention outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to bipolar affective illness research in the last five years.

Please submit all nominations via e-mail **by Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, to Sho Tin Chen Vice President, Research Grants & Programs at schen@bbrfoundation.org. Your nomination should include a summary of no more than 250 words of the nominee's major discoveries, highlighting the contributions for which the investigator was primarily responsible and their significance to the field (in either clinical research or relevant basic science). In addition to the nominee's NIH Biosketch or a brief CV. All materials should be combined into a single PDF, labeled: "<Last Name>, <First Name> 2026 Colvin Prize."

Please note: Self-nominations are welcome if your own work qualifies. Previous nominations will be carried over but must be updated to meet this cycle's nomination requirements.

Thank you for your assistance in recognizing excellence through this important honor.

Sincerely,



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