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Nominations for the 2026 Goldman-Rakic Prize

Dear Colleague:

After Patricia Goldman-Rakic's tragic death on July 31, 2003, Connie and Steve Lieber established the ***Goldman-Rakic Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Cognitive Neuroscience*** of \$40,000 and an honorary lecture at Yale University to honor her memory and her formidable accomplishments. The award is specifically for excellence in neurobiological research at the cellular, physiological and/or behavioral levels that may lead to a greater understanding of the underlying cognitive neuroscience of psychiatric disease.

The award committee includes Drs. Deanna Barch, Cameron Carter, Suzanne Haber, Lisa Monteggia (*co-chair*), Robert Malenka, Dost Ongur, and myself. We ask you to nominate a person who has made outstanding contributions in neurobiological and psychobiological research for this important prize.

Please e-mail nominations/recommendations to: **Sho Tin Chen, Vice President Research Grants & Programs**, at schen@bbrfoundation.org by **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, with a brief summary of no more than 250 words describing your nominee's major contributions along with the candidate's NIH Biosketch or a brief CV. **Please e-mail your nomination as one single PDF document labeled "<insert Last name>, <insert First name> 2026 Goldman-Rakic Prize."**

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

Thank you for helping us celebrate excellence through this meaningful recognition.

Sincerely,

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