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Nominations for the 2026 Lieber Prize

Dear Colleague:

The ***Lieber Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Schizophrenia Research*** is an award of \$50,000 given by the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation (formerly NARSAD), to an outstanding scientist carrying out work relevant to the causes, pathophysiology, treatment or the prevention of schizophrenia. The scientist to be recognized will be one who gives particular promise for advancing our understanding of schizophrenia, or of basic brain mechanisms in schizophrenia. The Lieber Prize Committee consists of Drs. Robert Freedman, Raquel Gur, Kenneth Kendler, David Lewis, Vikaas Sohal, Carol Tamminga (*co-chair*), and myself. Our work is to review the nominations of scientists from around the world who are carrying out work relevant to schizophrenia.

I am writing to you and to other leading scientists to ask if you would call to our attention scientists whom you believe have made outstanding contributions to schizophrenia research. Please forward all nominations via e-mail by **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, to:

Sho Tin Chen, Vice President, Research Grants & Programs

Email: schen@bbrfoundation.org

Your nomination should include a 250 word summary describing your nominee's major discoveries 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 Lieber Schizophrenia Prize"**. Please keep in mind that the contributions should be of a fundamental nature and may be either in clinical or basic research.

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.

The submission of this material will enable the Lieber Prize Committee to identify an eligible scientist to be selected for the 2026 Lieber Prize. Thank you for joining us in recognizing and celebrating excellence in the field.

Sincerely,

Daniel Weinberger, M.D.
Chair, Lieber Prize Advisory Panel