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Subject: Limited Competition: Simons Foundation *Simons Investigators in Mathematics, Physics, Astrophysics and Computer Science*

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The Simons Foundation is inviting nominations for *Investigators in Mathematics, Physics, Astrophysics and Computer Science.* Within the Physics program, the foundation also invites nominations for *Theoretical Physics in Life Sciences Investigators.* The Simons Investigators program aims to provide a stable base of support for outstanding theoretical midcareer scientists, enabling them to undertake long-term investigations of fundamental questions in their fields. The intent of the program is to support these scientists in their most productive years, when they are establishing new research directions, providing leadership in their fields, and effectively mentoring junior scientists. For information on the typical profile of successful nominations, please visit their website, where a list of current awardees may be found: https://www.simonsfoundation.org/grant/simons-investigators/?tab=awardees

In 2023, the foundation expects to appoint up to four Investigators in Mathematics, up to seven in Physics (including up to two in Theoretical Physics in Life Sciences), up to two in Astrophysics and up to three in Theoretical Computer Science. A Simons Investigator is appointed for an initial period of five years. Appointments will begin January 1, 2024. An Investigator will receive research support up to $192,000 per year. This includes $150,000 per year in research support for the Investigator, $10,000 per year for the Investigator's department, and up to an additional 20 percent per year in indirect costs to the Investigator's institution. The deadline to submit nominations is **November, 3 2022 at 12pm EST**. Please see the Request for Nominations for more information.

The Foundation asks that nominations be treated confidentially — the nominees should not know they are being nominated if possible and a nominee cannot nominate themselves. Nominations will require submitting a two-page letter and the nominee's CV.

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible to be nominated for an Investigator award, a scientist must be engaged in theoretical research in mathematics, physics (or theoretical physics in life sciences), astrophysics, or computer science and must not have previously been a Simons Investigator. He/she must be mid-career (typically, early-stage tenured full professors), have a primary appointment as a tenured faculty member in a department with a Ph.D. program (note that the appointment need not be in a mathematics, physics, astrophysics, or computer science department). A nominee must be in place at the institution submitting the nomination at the time of the appointment start date.

Eligibility Requirements — Investigator in Theoretical Physics in Life Sciences: To be eligible to be nominated for an Investigator in Theoretical Physics in Life Sciences award, a nominee must be a well-established, mid-career researcher who develops and applies advanced theoretical physics ideas and methods in the life sciences.

This is a limited competition. The foundation will accept up to **TWO (2)** nominations in *each* of the Mathematics, Physics, Astrophysics, and Theoretical Computer Science programs (e.g., two in Mathematics, two in Physics, etc.) and up to one additional nomination in Theoretical Physics in Life Sciences (e.g., three total in Physics — two for Theoretical Physics and one for Theoretical Physics in the Life Sciences). If you are interested in nominating someone, please submit a 200-word Statement of Interest by **NOON on Monday, August 29, 2022** via UNM's InfoReady Review portal **https://unm.infoready4.com/.** This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. If we receive more than two SOIs per field (three in Physics), we will request longer pre-nomination letters.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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