

## SNM Membership Categories Expanded; New Award

Over the past 4 y, SNM has expanded from a society focused solely on nuclear medicine to an organization that incorporates all facets of molecular imaging. This includes not only PET and SPECT but also molecular imaging using optical, ultrasound, MR imaging and spectroscopy, and other methods. The work of SNM's Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation (CMIIT) has resulted in many successes that are reflected throughout the organization: expanded educational offerings, meeting programming, publications, and much more. Individuals involved with any of the diverse areas of the field—whether developing new diagnostic agents, investigating molecular imaging biomarkers, or creating molecularly targeted therapies—will find something of value.

In addition to updating the already diverse membership categories we offer, SNM has created new categories for molecular imaging laboratory professionals. Several types of membership are now available for non-PhD individuals involved in molecular imaging research. These are currently being offered at a special introductory rate.

CMIIT values the important contributions made by these technical staff working in molecular imaging laboratories and is pleased to announce a new forum for laboratory staff recognition. With this year's inaugural Laboratory Professional Recognition Award, principal investigators and facility directors will be able to highlight the efforts of

laboratory professionals, recognizing innovative and effective tools, techniques, technical innovations, and practices in molecular imaging. CMIIT hopes that this travel award will offer an opportunity for these valuable contributors to step out of the shadows and that the opportunity to attend the SNM Annual Meeting will inspire young laboratory professionals to take an interest in molecular imaging as a career.



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This award is distinct from the Young Investigator Award presented during the Annual Meeting and is specially created for non-PhD laboratory professionals. Publication of the work cited is not a requirement. SNM members are encouraged to nominate staff from their laboratories for this award. For more information about our new membership categories and discounts, visit [www.snm.org/categories](http://www.snm.org/categories) or call SNM at (703) 708-9000. For more information about the Laboratory Professional Recognition Award, visit [www.molecularimagingcenter.org/labs](http://www.molecularimagingcenter.org/labs) or contact Jen Rice, CMIIT senior program manager, at (703) 742-5498.

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