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These women know their place in science. Do you?



Every society has unsung heroes. Unfortunately, in the field of science, there is an overabundance of women making extraordinary contributions with little acknowledgment.

At the Rosalind Franklin Society, we believe extra recognition is the first step to opening greater prospects. We are dedicated to promoting the importance of women in science, celebrating their victories and advocating for further opportunities. The more you know what women in science have done, the more you know what they can do. **To learn more, visit www.rosalindfranklinsociety.org**



The Rosalind Franklin Society: Making the most of every opportunity in 2012.

The Rosalind Franklin Society is an honorific, interdisciplinary, international society which recognizes, fosters, and advances the important contributions made by eminent women in science. Too often women in the sciences are overlooked for crucial appointments, awards, nominations, and grants. Science is a man's world and RFS is looking to change that.

Our mission's importance is underscored by the numbers. In 2009 we celebrated the fact that two out of the three recipients for the Nobel Prize in Medicine were women who sit on our Board, Dr. Elizabeth H. Blackburn and Dr. Carol W. Greider. However, that knowledge was tempered by the fact that in 2010 and 2011 there were zero female Nobel Laureates in science. Additionally, since the awards began in 1901, a total of 310 awards have been given in these fields, to 551 individuals, with only 16 (or 2.9%) awarded to female scientists. Three of these 16 women are members of the RFS Board: Dr. Linda B. Buck (2004), and Drs. Greider and Blackburn (2009).

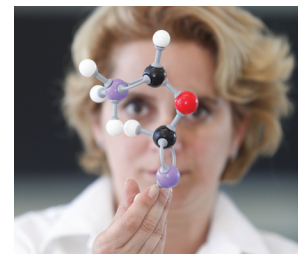
A review of other eminent science prizes in 2011 shows a respectable representation of women compared to years past. Women were represented (though disproportionately) in the Lasker Awards, Albany Medical Center Prizes, and the Gruber Prizes in science. The prestigious bi-annual Kavli Prizes (established in 2008) were awarded to eight men in scientific research in 2010. Clearly, we need to do more to bring attention to the contributions, efforts, and talents of women scientists – both young and old. For the future of mankind, we cannot afford to overlook women in science.

How do we accomplish this? It's a 360-degree effort. The Rosalind Franklin Society works as a strategic partner with industry, academia, and government to ensure the representation and promotion of women to prestigious positions and senior-level appointments. We work to ensure women scientists are recognized for their important research. Additionally, we advocate for workplace changes that support women as they move up the ladder without sacrificing the quality of their lives.

Recognition, support, and advocacy are the foundation on which every opportunity will be maximized for eminent women scientists. And those opportunities cannot wait "until next time." Real-time accomplishment deserves real-time award.

How can you get involved?

If you want to play a strong role in advancing recognition of the many scientific contributions women make, we invite you to become a member or to make a donation to our important work. Apply or donate online at www.rosalindfranklinsociety.org and follow us on [twitter @franklinsociety](https://twitter.com/franklinsociety)



About The Rosalind Franklin Society

The Rosalind Franklin Society is an honorific, interdisciplinary, international society which recognizes, fosters, and advances the important contributions made by eminent women in science. In doing so, the Society honors the under-recognized achievements of the late Rosalind Franklin (1920-1958), a British x-ray crystallographer whose work producing x-ray images of DNA was crucial in the discovery of its structure by James Watson and Francis Crick. To celebrate the life, work, and symbolic power of this remarkable heroine of science, the Society recognizes, showcases, and supports the accomplishments and careers of women in science.

The Society is committed to engaging the wider community through its Council of Academic Institutions and its new Council of Corporate Leadership. Through its mission, the Society will enable women to achieve more tenure-track appointments as well as leadership positions in academia, industry, and government. As these goals are achieved, the Society shares them with talented young women to motivate them to pursue scientific research as a profession. By bringing together leaders in the life sciences – women and men – the Society works to ensure that women obtain the opportunity, advancement, recognition, and influence in science they deserve.

