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## **Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Science**

1985-1988 Drug Science Foundation Award for Excellence in Science  
1989-Present Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science

The award was established in 1985 by the Drug Science Foundation to honor specifically an individual or team within the state whose achievements and contributions to science in South Carolina merit special recognition and to promote wider awareness of the quality and extent of scientific activity in South Carolina. Since 1989 the award, named the “Governor’s Award for Excellence in Science”, has been under the joint sponsorship of the Governor’s office and the South Carolina Academy of Science. In 1993 these groups were joined by the Dewees Development Corporation and Harbor Watch of Charleston. Recently the **South Carolina Research Authority** (2015) and **Wayerhaeuser** (2017) have joined in sponsorship of the Governor’s Awards.

Beginning in 1990, two of these awards were given annually to include an award for scientific discovery and/or an award for scientific awareness. In 2005 the Academy, in conjunction with the Governor’s Office, initiated the sponsorship of a third award directed to a gifted young researcher (*only those individuals who have completed no more than 12 years beyond the Ph.D.*). The award is called the Governor’s Young Scientist Award for Excellence in Scientific Research and was sponsored by Michelin North America. The awards are presented to the recipients at a special awards ceremony held in the spring in conjunction with the South Carolina Academy of Science’s annual meeting.

Candidates should be currently working in South Carolina or have conducted a substantial portion of their work within the state. Contributions may be in any area of science and may be for service to science through non-formal education in the various media, for exemplary exposition at the college or university level, or as an acknowledgement for significant outstanding formal research. The award may be given to an individual or a team. If the award is made to a team, the honorarium will be distributed equally.



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**2017 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research**

is awarded to

**Dr. Dean G. Kilpatrick**  
**Professor of Clinical Psychology and Psychiatry**  
**Department of Psychiatry and**  
**Behavioral Sciences**  
**Medical University of South Carolina**



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**2017 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness**

is awarded to

**Dr. Michael G. Schmidt**  
**Department of Microbiology and Immunology**  
**College of Medicine, Medical University of South**  
**Carolina**



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**2017 Governor's Young Scientist Award  
for Excellence in Scientific Research**

is awarded to

**Dr. Chen Li**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Department of Mechanical Engineering**  
**University of South Carolina Columbia**



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**2017 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research  
at a Predominately Undergraduate Institution**

is awarded to

**Dr. Timothy W. Hanks**  
**Professor of Chemistry**  
**Furman University**



**2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research  
(Dual Award)  
awarded to**

**Dr. Carol M. Jantzen, Savannah River National Laboratory  
Dr. Hans-Conrad zur Loye, University of South Carolina  
Columbia**

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**2017 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness**

awarded to

**Dr. Bert Ely, University of South Carolina Columbia**

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**2017 Governor's Young Scientist Award  
for Excellence in Scientific Research**

awarded to

**Dr. Chuanbing Tang, University of South Carolina Columbia**

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**2017 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research  
at a Predominately Undergraduate Institution**

awarded to

**Dr. Yiming Ji, University of South Carolina Beaufort**

