



# THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION COLLEGIUM OF EMINENT SCIENTISTS TO HONOR EMINENT SCIENTISTS OF POLISH ORIGIN AND ANCESTRY

## An outline of the program of the Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists

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Hundreds of eminent scientists of Polish origin and ancestry reside in the United States. These scientists have excelled and achieved high recognition in diverse branches of the sciences. While many are known for their outstanding work within the confines of their particular field of activity, little is known of their achievements by scientists working in other disciplines or to the general public in the United States and Poland.

In order to bring deserved recognition to the achievements of Polish scientists, the Kosciuszko Foundation (KF) is establishing “**The Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists**”. The goals of this initiative are: (i) **to honor** eminent scientists of Polish origin and ancestry who have achieved recognition in the United States; (ii) **to recognize, highlight, and publicize their achievements and important contributions** to the respective fields of science. Significant achievements by Polish scientists will be provided to news media and made accessible through the internet; (iii) **to identify, record, and catalogue** eminent Polish scientists and scientists of Polish descent residing in America. This compendium will be of interest to future historians in Poland and elsewhere and to Polish organizations in the United States. Scientists honored by election to the Collegium will be recognized as **Distinguished Fellows of the Collegium**.

To establish and maintain the prestige of the Collegium the criteria for election of the Fellows is set at a high level. Objective measures such as number of publications, frequency of citations, *h*-index citations impact factor, number of U.S. patents, ranking on professional websites, *e.g.*, [www.biomedexperts.com/](http://www.biomedexperts.com/) and assessment of other attributes will be employed.

The following criteria are considered:

1. Professorship and tenure position(s) at respective universities or colleges;
2. Leadership position(s) and strong scientific background at the research-oriented national or private institutions, *e.g.*, National Institutes of Health, NASA, pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies;
3. A significant number, *e.g.*, 50 or more depending on the discipline, of scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals;
4. A significant number, *e.g.*, 1000 or more depending on the discipline, of citations (Thomson Reuters' ISI Web of Science; Google Scholar);
5. A significant number, *e.g.*, over 10, of US patents;
6. An *h*-index, the citations impact factor 25 or higher.

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An additional category for Collegium Membership is that of **Honorary Member** granted to those American Scientists not of Polish ancestry, who, by virtue of their significant and recognized contribution to a branch of the sciences in Poland have importantly advanced that discipline and are recognized by academic and/or governmental scientific institutions in Poland for their special achievements.

The Board of Trustees of the KF has established a standing committee, the "Committee of the KF Collegium of Eminent Scientists". The Committee consists of: Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz and Ronald Hagadus (Co-chair) as well as Ewa Radwańska, Hanna Chroboczek Kelker, Piotr Chomczyński and Waldemar Priebe. The Honorary Advisory Members are Professors Frank Wilczek (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Roald Hoffman (Cornell University), Waclaw Szybalski (McArdle Institute for Cancer Research) and Maria Siemionow (Cleveland Clinic).

The directory listing the honored individuals (Distinguished Fellows of the Collegium) is accessible on a special KF website: (<http://www.thekf.org/programs/eminentscientists/>). This directory may be useful to **Polska Akademia Nauk** (PAN), **Polska Akademia Umiejetności** (PAU) and to other scientific organizations and institutes in Poland and in the United States seeking to invite speakers for scientific events, organize joint meetings, webinars on selected topics, consultations, or other types of research interactions.

Sincerely,



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President of the Kosciuszko Foundation