AWIS Chicago “Scientist of the Month” (SOTM) Series

The AWIS Chicago “Scientist of the Month” series features a person with scientific training who promotes or embodies the advancement of women in the fields of science, technology, or engineering (STEM). Nominees should have had an impact on your (or another’s) life or career who you believe is worthy of recognition for their research or contributions to the Chicago community. The nominee does not need to be an AWIS member or a woman. It is recommended that you interview the nominee (either in person or by phone) several weeks in advance of posting the article to enable time for writing, editing, and for the nominee to proofread the article before it is posted.

Logistics:

* Each month’s article will be posted on the 1st of the month
* The nominee does not need to be chosen at the beginning of the year but should be identified with enough advance notice for interviewing and writing the article
* The article should be approximately 1-1.5 pages in length (2 pages maximum)
* Use of direct quotes is encouraged, but please send the article to the nominee before it is published to ensure accuracy
* The articles are posted on the AWIS website under the “Scientist of the Month” tab and also linked to our facebook page
* Please ask each nominee to provide an image to accompany the article
* Refer to [previous articles](http://www.awis-chicago.org/scientist-of-the-month) for formatting

Sample questions for the nominees:

*Please also research each nominee in advance to generate specific/interesting/unique questions*

How did you decide on your career/profession?

What are you most passionate about professionally, and why? What most excites you about your work & the contribution you can make? Why?

What is gratifying about what you do? What is the most frustrating?

Do you feel that any of your career goals have been challenged because you are a woman?  Have you run into any roadblocks because of your gender?

Are there professional goals you'd like to pursue at some point in the future?

What is your daily schedule like?

Who was the most influential person to you throughout your education or career?

What are you passionate about outside of work? What do you really enjoy?

How would you describe your work/life balance?

Do you have any words of advice, or secret to success?