

Awards & Accolades

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Congratulations to these recent honorees.

Cohen and Zakharov Named Fellows of American Geophysical Union

Andrew Cohen [1], University Distinguished Professor of Geosciences, and **Vladimir E. Zakharov** [2], Regents' Professor of Mathematics, have been **named** [3] 2018 fellows of the American Geophysical Union.

The **American Geophysical Union** [4] aims to "promote discovery in Earth and space science for the benefit of humanity." Fellowship recognizes those members "who have made exceptional contributions to earth and space sciences as valued by their peers."

Cohen's research focuses on the study of the climate history and paleoecology of rift lakes in Africa and arid-climate lakes in the U.S. He has been at the UA since 1986. Zakharov's research involves the mathematical and physical aspects of nonlinear wave theory. He began at the UA in 1992.

Curiel-Lewandrowski Named Arizona Bioscience Researcher of the Year

Dr. **Clara N. Curiel-Lewandrowski** [5], professor of medicine and director of the Cutaneous Oncology Program at the UA **Skin Cancer Institute** [6], has been **named** [7] the 2018 Arizona Bioscience Researcher of the Year by AZBio. She will be recognized at the AZBio Awards in Phoenix on Oct. 3.

AZBio [8] is a nonprofit organization that promotes the growth of Arizona's bioscience industry. Its annual Arizona Bioscience Researcher of the Year award goes to an Arizona life science researcher "who has made the most significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge and the understanding of biological processes, as measured by publications and/or professional acknowledgement of their work in either an academic or commercial setting."

Curiel-Lewandrowski's research interests include melanoma chemoprevention, as well as the early detection of melanoma, cutaneous T-cell lymphomas and skin cancer. She began at the UA in 2004 as an assistant professor of medicine.

Kwoh Named to American College of Rheumatology Committee

Dr. **C. Kent Kwoh** [9], professor of medicine and medical imaging at the College of Medicine – Tucson, has been named to the **American College of Rheumatology** [10]'s Division Directors Special Committee. His three-year term begins in October.

The American College of Rheumatology is a professional organization dedicated to improving care for patients with pneumatic disease and to advance the subspecialty of rheumatology. Its **Division Directors Special Committee** [11] is tasked with advancing academic rheumatology by supporting clinical care, research, education and advocacy. The organization's president appoints the committee's members.

Kwoh, who also is director of the **UA Arthritis Center** [12], chief of the Division of Rheumatology and holds the Charles A.L. and Suzanne M. Stephens Endowed Chair in Rheumatology, joined the UA in July 2013.

Valencia Honored by National Council of University Research Administrators

Angela Valencia, a research administrator with the UA Health Sciences **Office of Research Administration** [13], has received the 2018 Catherine Core Minority Travel Award from the **National Council of University Research Administrators** [14]. Valencia was honored at the council's national meeting in Washington, D.C., earlier this month.

The council aims to advance research administration through professional development programs. The **Catherine Core Minority Travel Award** [15] supports the costs to attend the organization's national meeting for someone who has never been and would not otherwise be able to go.

Reglagene, Drug Invented at UA, Among Winners of National Startup Challenge

Reglagene, a cancer treatment startup that stemmed from UA research, won an Innovation Excellence Award from the **Freedom from Cancer Startup Challenge** [16], a national contest for startups dedicated to preventing, diagnosing, treating and curing cancer.

Reglagene [17] is a drug that has been shown to be effective in shortening the lives of target cells, essentially inducing cancer cells to grow old and die. The technology behind the drug was developed at the **College of Pharmacy** [18] and the

BIO5 Institute ^[19] by **Laurence Hurley** ^[20], professor of medicinal chemistry and associate director of the BIO5 Institute, and **Vijay Gokhale** ^[21], a senior research scientist at the BIO5 Institute. Hurley is the chief scientific officer of Reglagene and Gokhale is the company's vice president of discovery. **Tech Launch Arizona** ^[22], the UA unit that commercializes inventions that stem from University research, helped Hurley and Gokhale protect the invention and license the technology.

The challenge is a project of the **Center for Advancing Innovation** ^[23], a nonprofit organization that helps fund and commercialize research projects to increase the impact of breakthrough innovations. The challenge supports efforts to prevent, treat, diagnose and cure cancer, and entries came from 55 institutions, including the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Army and more than 50 universities and hospitals across the nation.

Reglagene was among 35 entrants to win an Innovation Excellence Award, which includes a \$2,000 cash award.

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To submit your news, please send us an email with the following information:

- *Name of the person, team or unit receiving the honor with full UA titles.*
- *Information about the award/honor and the organization that granted it. Please include a link to the official announcement of the award/honor, when the honor was announced and when it will be presented (or was presented).*
- *A photo of the honoree. If others appear in the photo, please provide their names and identifying information, such as their UA title or other affiliation.*

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