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University of California Davis Faculty Elected Senior Member of the National Academy of Inventors

Davis, California. (August 14, 2019) – The National Academy of Inventors (NAI) has named 54 academic inventors to the Spring 2019 class of NAI Senior Members. Among these is Ruxandra Vidu from University of California Davis. She became the first Romanian elected NAI Senior Member in the United States. Dr. Ruxandra Vidu is a 2012 UC Davis Fulbright Alumni and the President of the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences.



NAI Senior Members are active faculty and scientists from its Member Institutions who have demonstrated remarkable innovation producing technologies that have brought, or aspire to bring, real impact on the welfare of society. They also have proven success in patents, licensing and commercialization.

An individual's nomination for the NAI Senior Member class by its supporting institution is a distinct honor and a significant way for the organization to publicly recognize its innovators on a national level.

"Dr. Vidu is an internationally renowned expert who is among the few researchers integrating materials science, chemistry, physics, and biology to engineer systems at the nanoscale level, to design materials at the nanometer scale with unique size-dependent properties. The significance of Dr. Vidu's innovation has been recognized by numerous grants and high honors."-said the nomination committee. "She has led the research and development of wide-ranging applications to the benefit of humanity, such as thin film technology and engineered 3D nanoarchitecture materials, implements for energy and water systems, and pathways for medicine delivery. Dr. Vidu is amongst a few women innovators whose contribution to technology advancement extends beyond fundamental science, resourcefully blending product research and development."

At their host institutions, Senior Members will continue to foster a spirit of innovation, while educating and mentoring the next generation of inventors.

This latest class of NAI Senior Members represents 32 research universities and government and non-profit research institutes. They are named inventors on over 860 issued U.S. patents.

"NAI Member Institutions support some of the most elite innovators on the horizon. With the NAI Senior Member award distinction, we are recognizing innovators that are rising stars in their fields," said Paul R. Sanberg, NAI President. "This new class is joining a prolific group of academic visionaries already defining tomorrow."

Following a nomination for NAI Senior Member class, individuals undergo a rigorous selection process by the NAI Advisory Committee comprised of elected NAI members and other professionals considered pioneers in their respective field.

Senior Members are elected biannually, and nominations are accepted on a rolling basis. Nominations are currently being accepted for the third Senior Member class on the [NAI website](#).

A full list of NAI Senior Members is available on the [NAI website](#).

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About the National Academy of Inventors

The National Academy of Inventors is a member organization comprising U.S. and international universities, and governmental and non-profit research institutes, with over 4,000 individual inventor members and Fellows spanning more than 250 institutions worldwide. It was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society. The NAI publishes the multidisciplinary journal, Technology & Innovation. www.academyofinventors.org