



Mass Nonprofit Network Nominates Addgene for an Excellence Award

Addgene, a Cambridge-based nonprofit, has been nominated as a finalist in the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network 2013 Excellence Award competition in the category of Innovation.

BOSTON - June 5, 2013 - [PRLog](#) -- Addgene, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a finalist in the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network 2013 Excellence Award competition in the category of Innovation. Addgene was recognized for its creative solutions for material sharing in the research community.

Addgene facilitates scientific discoveries by operating a plasmid library for researchers. Plasmids are DNA-based materials that are commonly used in the life sciences, and exchange of these materials is important for advancing research in a wide variety of disciplines, including cancer, heart disease, and neurodegenerative disorders.

Currently over 25,000 plasmids are stored in the Addgene repository from more than 1,500 contributing laboratories around the world. Over 8,000 samples are distributed each month. The company's unique approach has increased scientific collaboration and is a financially self-sustaining model. Addgene continues to expand its reach and to receive strong support from its growing community of scientist depositors and requestors.

"Addgene was founded as a nonprofit to ensure that the scientific community would see us as a true partner," said Dr. Joanne Kamens, Executive Director of Addgene. "We are very happy to be recognized for our unique approach and are proud of our success at creating a new type of collaborative community."

Massachusetts Nonprofit Network (MNN) is an organization that is dedicated to promoting the efforts of Massachusetts-based nonprofits. The group was founded in 2007 and organizes events and public policy initiatives to support the work of its members.

Excellence Award winners will be announced at the 2013 Nonprofit Awareness Day. Nonprofit, corporate and elected leaders will gather at the Massachusetts State House on June 10th to celebrate and honor the incredible work of nonprofits across the state. The list of the 2013 finalists can be found on the MNN website.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.massnonprofitnet.org/training-and-events/nonprofit-awareness-day/2013-excellence-awards/>

About Addgene

Addgene is a 501(c)3 nonprofit biorepository dedicated to facilitating scientific discoveries by operating a plasmid library for researchers. Plasmids are DNA-based research reagents commonly used in the life sciences. Scientists need to share these reagents to collaborate and build upon the work of their colleagues.

Addgene has worked with over 1,500 laboratories to assemble its current collection of 25,000 plasmids, and continues to solicit new deposits. Plasmids have been distributed to over 60 different countries and over

8,000 plasmids are shipped each month. By authenticating, storing, archiving and distributing plasmids and their associated data, Addgene is creating a lasting resource for research and discovery scientists around the world.

For more information, visit: <http://www.addgene.org/>

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