



Emily Leproust, Ph.D., to Receive 2020 Rosalind Franklin Award

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 18, 2020-- Twist Bioscience (Nasdaq: TWST), a company enabling customers to succeed through its offering of high-quality synthetic DNA using its silicon platform, today announced that its CEO and co-founder, Emily M. Leproust, Ph.D., will receive the 2020 Rosalind Franklin Award for Leadership at the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) IMPACT conference. The award will be presented on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 during a virtual [fireside chat](#) with Julianna Lemieux of Genetic Engineering News and the Rosalind Franklin Society.

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Emily Leproust, Ph.D., CEO and Co-Founder of Twist Bioscience, winner of BIO's 2020 Rosalind Franklin Award (Photo: Business Wire)

"It is a great honor to receive the BIO Rosalind Franklin Award, particularly in 2020, the year she would have turned 100," said Dr. Leproust. "At Twist, we stand on the shoulders of giants like DNA pioneer Rosalind Franklin, advancing DNA-based products to write the future of chemical, medical, food and even data storage. We continue to push the boundaries of what is possible, disrupting markets to improve health and sustainability through precisely written DNA."

"Emily Leproust is a driven, authentic and thoughtful leader, disrupting the synthetic biology marketplace; she actively works with industry and government leaders to drive innovation and further the bioeconomy," commented Stephanie Batchelor, vice president of BIO's industrial and environmental section. "Twist's focus on the power of synthetic DNA to revolutionize multiple markets directly reflects the spirit of the Rosalind Franklin Society and Award."

About the BIO Rosalind Franklin Award

Just as Rosalind Franklin paved the way for women in the biotechnology field, the BIO Rosalind Franklin Award is presented to a pioneering woman in the industrial biotechnology and agriculture sectors who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the biobased economy and biotech innovation. The Rosalind Franklin Award will stand as a lasting memory to the legacy left by Rosalind Franklin, who was instrumental in the discovery and our greater understanding of the molecular structure of DNA, by honoring those women who too have made significant contributions in industrial biotechnology and agriculture. With this award BIO honors Rosalind Franklin's legacy, but also those women who have shown exemplary leadership and led the way through previously uncharted territory. The Award is sponsored by the [Rosalind Franklin Society](#), whose goal is to support and showcase the careers of eminent women in science.

Rosalind Franklin conceived and captured Photograph 51 of the "B" form of DNA in 1952, while at King's College in London. This photograph, acquired through 100 hours of X-ray exposure from a machine Dr. Franklin herself refined, revealed the structure of DNA. The discovery of the structure of DNA was the single most important advance of modern biology. James Watson and Francis Crick, working at Cambridge University, used Photograph 51 as the basis for their famous model of DNA, which earned them a Nobel Prize in 1962. Though sometimes overlooked, Rosalind Franklin's critical work and discovery in the field has allowed the biotechnology industry to become what it is today.

About Twist Bioscience Corporation

Twist Bioscience is a leading and rapidly growing synthetic biology company that has developed a disruptive DNA synthesis platform to industrialize the engineering of biology. The core of the platform is a proprietary technology that pioneers a new method of manufacturing synthetic DNA by "writing" DNA on a silicon chip. Twist is leveraging its unique technology to manufacture a broad range of synthetic DNA-based products, including synthetic genes, tools for next-generation sequencing (NGS) preparation, and antibody libraries for drug discovery and development. Twist is also pursuing longer-term opportunities in digital data storage in DNA and biologics drug discovery. Twist makes products for use across many industries including healthcare, industrial chemicals, agriculture and academic research.

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