



West Texas Association of Women in Science  
TTU Box 43131  
Lubbock, TX

April 22, 2019

Dear Dr. Paola Prada,

Each year, WT-AWIS awards the **Champion of Women (C.O.W.) Award and Outstanding Woman Leader (O.W.L.) Award.**

These prestigious awards are given by WT-AWIS members only, during the spring semester of each year, and are for the purpose of recognizing men (Champion of Women Award, COW) and women (Outstanding Woman Leader Award, OWL) who are active supporters of women in science, and who have demonstrated their commitment to the education, training and mentoring of women, as well as to overall gender equity in science. Male TTU System faculty and staff are eligible for C.O.W. nominations; female TTU System faculty and staff members are eligible for O.W.L. nominations; and members of the community are also eligible for nomination. You can view the list of past winners on [this site](#).

Paola, you have been nominated by a team of supporters who wholeheartedly believe that you embody the very nature of the Outstanding Woman Leader award. The very careful deliberating of the competitive nominees each year is inspiring and heartwarming to the awards committee. It is our honor to announce that you have been given one of the two **2019 WTAWIS Outstanding Woman Leader** awards! If you accept this award, we kindly request your presence at our **WT-AWIS Spring Awardees Reception on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, at La Diosa Cellars, in Lubbock, TX, from 4:30-6 pm.** You are welcome to say a few words at the dinner and please feel free to bring any guests as well. Please let us know if this date will work for you and if you'll be bringing any guests. We are thrilled to congratulate you in person!

“We envision a day when women will participate fully in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as manifested through equal opportunity, pay equity, and recognition commensurate with their accomplishments.” Thank you for supporting WT-AWIS and being a stellar example for women in science and leading with steadfast determination, dignity and grace!

Sincerely,

Julie Isom, WT-AWIS Awards Committee Chair  
Associate Director of Research, TTU/HHM @CISER