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Taekjip Ha to Receive the 2018 Kazuhiko Kinosita Award in Single Molecule Biophysics

Rockville, MD — The Biophysical Society is pleased to announce that Taekjip Ha, Professor in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, will receive the 2018 Kazuhiko Kinosita Award in Single Molecule Biophysics. Ha will be honored at the Society's 62nd Annual Meeting at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, February 20, during the Awards Symposium. He will also give a short talk at that time.

Ha is being recognized for his leadership in the development of single-molecule techniques and their application to nucleic acid processing enzymes and particularly for his efforts to elevate an appreciation of single molecule studies among scientists in general. The Award, founded in 2016, recognizes outstanding researchers for their exceptional contributions in advancing the field of single molecule biophysics. This award honors the life and work of Professor Kazuhiko Kinosita, Jr., who helped to establish the field. The award is intended to encourage investigators, to promote further developments in single molecule biophysics, to advance the type of cross-disciplinary research that is characteristic of this field, and to elevate an appreciation of single molecule studies among scientists in general.

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