

Quanta Wins National Magazine Award And New York Emmy





NEW YORK, May 28, 2020 — *Quanta* was one of four magazines to be awarded top honors tonight at the [2020 National Magazine Awards](#). During a livestreamed virtual ceremony, the American Society of Magazine Editors announced that editor-in-chief Thomas Lin and his staff had won the Ellie Award for [General Excellence in Literature, Science and Politics](#). Judges cited *Quanta*'s "willingness to tackle some of the toughest and most difficult topics in science and math in a language that is accessible to the lay reader without condescension or oversimplification." The other General Excellence winners were *The New York Times Magazine*, *Bon Appétit* and *The Hollywood Reporter*.

"This was a big night for *Quanta*," said Lin. "I'm over the moon that my staff, which is excellent in every way, is being recognized for its inspired science writing, editing and visual artistry."

In the award entry, Lin credited his colleagues for their "fearless reporting on some of the most mind-bendingly complex subjects pressing against the boundaries of human knowledge."

While the General Excellence award honors all aspects of a magazine, the stories submitted to ASME judges included a science feature on the possibility that global warming could lead to [runaway cloud loss](#) and a catastrophic climate feedback loop, written by senior writer Natalie Wolchover and edited by Lin; a math feature about an ambitious effort to [rebuild mathematics minus the equal sign](#), written by senior writer Kevin Hartnett and edited by deputy editor Michael Moyer; a video from *Quanta*'s [In Theory](#) video series, about the simple [diagrams](#) invented by Richard Feynman that forever changed theoretical physics, directed by Emily

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