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## **Dr. Grace O'Connell to be inducted into medical and biological engineering elite**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) has announced the election of Grace O'Connell, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Don M. Cunningham Professor of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley to its College of Fellows. Dr. O'Connell was nominated, reviewed, and elected by peers and members of the College of Fellows for outstanding contributions to understanding biomechanical degeneration and failure of fiber-reinforced biological tissues by creating integrated computational and experimental approaches.

The College of Fellows is comprised of the top two percent of medical and biological engineers in the country. The most accomplished and distinguished engineering and medical school chairs, research directors, professors, innovators, and successful entrepreneurs comprise the College of Fellows. AIMBE Fellows are regularly recognized for their contributions in teaching, research, and innovation. AIMBE Fellows have been awarded the Nobel Prize, the Presidential Medal of Science and the Presidential Medal of Technology and Innovation and many also are members of the National Academy of Engineering, National Academy of Medicine, and the National Academy of Sciences.

A formal induction ceremony will be held during AIMBE's 2021 Annual Event on March 26. Dr. O'Connell will be inducted along with 174 colleagues who make up the AIMBE Fellow Class of 2021. For more information about the AIMBE Annual Event, please visit [www.aimbe.org](http://www.aimbe.org).

AIMBE's mission is to recognize excellence in, and advocate for, the fields of medical and biological engineering in order to advance society. Since 1991, AIMBE's College of Fellows has led the way for technological growth and advancement in the fields of medical and biological engineering. AIMBE Fellows have helped revolutionize medicine and related fields to enhance and extend the lives of people all over the world. They have successfully advocated for public policies that have enabled researchers and business-makers to further the interests of engineers, teachers, scientists, clinical practitioners, and ultimately, patients.

For questions regarding the College of Fellows and AIMBE, please contact Charlie Kim, AIMBE Director of Member Services and Operations at [ckim@aimbe.org](mailto:ckim@aimbe.org).

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