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Award for Research Excellence in Materials Chemistry

This award is presented to a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant who has made an outstanding contribution to materials chemistry while working in Canada. Nominations may be made for candidates within 15 years* (excluding time spent on parental leave) of their first independent appointment.

Deadline

August 1 of every year

Sponsor

Materials Chemistry Division

Award

- A framed scroll
- An award lecture in a Materials Chemistry Division Symposium at the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition and a lecture tour to two or more Canadian universities that are not in major centers, whose students normally do not travel to CSC meetings.
- Major travel costs for the award tour, to a maximum of \$1,000, will be supported upon application to the Materials Chemistry Division Treasurer; local costs (taxis, accommodation, and meals) will be expected to be covered by the host institutions.

Nominations Requirements

A nomination package must be submitted electronically through [Awards Force](#). Self-nominations are welcome. Documents may be submitted in English or French*. The package should include the following:

- **Citation** (250 word maximum) statement of why the candidate should receive the award. This is the key document in the nomination and this information should be relevant to the achievements for which the award is being offered.
- **Biographical Sketch** (maximum one page) This provides background information on the nominee and summarizes past accomplishments. This is a summary of information obtained from a C.V.
- **Curriculum Vitae** (maximum nine pages).
- **Supporting Letters** (3 to 5) At least two letters must be from outside the nominee's organization.
- **EDI Statement** Nominees are strongly encouraged to include a 1-2 page statement contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in chemistry. This may include: Actions and initiatives taken to support inclusive excellence and address systemic barriers that members of underrepresented groups may experience and limit the full participation of all individuals; Efforts in inclusive teaching, science communication, and outreach; Reflections on how EDI considerations have strengthened their research; How EDI principles are incorporated at each stage of the research process.

*Applications in French can be 20% longer

Selection Criteria

- Scientific importance and potential impact
- Breakthrough in a particular area
- Quality and clarity of the presentation

Eligibility

Candidates should be within the first 15 years of their first independent appointment (excluding time spent on parental leave, medical leave, or other career interruptions)

An award winner must be a member in good standing to receive an award by the CSC, CIC, or CSChE. For award nominees, CIC membership is encouraged but not required. Exceptions may be given in some award ToR.

Award nominees and nominators are ineligible to submit a nomination, if they have insights (or may be perceived to have insights) on the identity of the pool of nominated individuals. Ineligible nominees and nominators include the Directors for Awards of the three societies, and those serving on the respective award adjudication committees.

Members of the Boards of Directors of the CIC, CSC, or CSChE may nominate and support other nominees for any award, but they cannot be nominated for awards while serving on the respective board.

If the nominee has previously received awards by the CIC and/or Societies, the nominator must differentiate the current achievement from those that have been previously recognized.

The nomination shall remain in force for three consecutive years. Nominators are responsible for keeping the record of the nominee up to date and complete by following the resubmission instructions annually.

Selection Committee*

- CSC Director of Awards as non-voting Chair
- Past Chair of the Materials Chemistry Division
- Vice-Chair of the Materials Chemistry Division
- Treasurer of the Materials Chemistry Division
- Awards Representative from the Materials Chemistry Division

*At least one member of the section committee should have demonstrated expertise in EDI in chemistry.

Upon consultation with the Director of Awards, the Selection Committee may decide that the award may not be given in a particular year, for example, due to no or too few nominations that meet the criteria for the award.

The CSC strongly believes that equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) are foundational to the chemical sciences and society. For this and all our awards, we encourage applications from those who identify as members of historically underserved communities, including but not restricted to those who identify as women, Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Inuit and Métis), persons with disabilities, members of visible minority/racialized groups and members of LGBTQIA2S+ communities.