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# Canadian Light Source T. K. Sham Award in Materials Chemistry

This award is presented to an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to materials chemistry both in terms of research and mentoring while working in Canada.

## Deadline

August 1 of every year

## Sponsors

Canadian Light Source Inc., CIC Materials Chemistry Division, and Department of Chemistry, Western University

## Award

- A framed scroll
- An award lecture in the Materials Chemistry Division Award Symposium at the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, and a lecture tour at 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 \$1,500, will be supported upon application to the Materials Chemistry Division Treasurer; host institutions are expected to cover local costs (taxis, accommodation, and meals)

## Nomination 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 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
- Demonstrated excellence in mentorship
- Quality and clarity of the presentation

## Eligibility

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
- Chair of the Materials Chemistry Division
- Vice-Chair of the Materials Chemistry Division  
Past winner of the T. K. Sham Materials Chemistry Award

\*At least one member of the selection 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.