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Environment Division Mehran Alaei Early Career Researcher Award

The Mehran Alaei Award recognizes an outstanding early career researcher who has made distinguished contributions in the fields of environmental chemistry or environmental chemical engineering, while working in any sector in Canada, e.g., academia, government, industry, for-profit/not-for-profit, private/public sector. Mehran Alaei was always very supportive of junior scientists and their research. One award will be available each year. Early career researchers eligible for this award are applicants who received their highest postgraduate or professional degree (e.g., Ph.D.) in the preceding 12 years and have demonstrated a strong track record of independent productivity beyond research conducted while working with a supervisor (e.g., beyond Ph.D. and postdoctoral research if applicable).

Deadline

August 1 of every year

Sponsor

Wellington Laboratories, Guelph, Ontario

Award

- A framed scroll
- Up to \$2,000 for travel expenses to the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition (CSC) or Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference (CSChE) to present an award lecture and be presented with the award.

Nominations Requirements

A nomination package must be submitted electronically through [Awards Force](#). 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** (250 word maximum) 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 9 pages).
- **Summary** of up to five key contributions and advances in the field that best describe the applicant's recent research progress and impact (maximum 1 page).
- **Supporting Letters** (3 to 5) At least two letters must be from outside the nominee's organization.

Notes

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.

No award will be given out, if less than 3 nominations for the award are received or if the Committee considers that no suitable candidate has been nominated.



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An award winner must be a member in good standing to receive an award by the CIC, CSC, 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.

Selection Committee

- CIC Director of Awards as non-voting Chair
- Past two recipients of the Environment Division Research and Development Dima Award and/or the Environment Division Early Career Researcher Award
- One member of the current Environment Division executive designated by the Division Chair

Notes

In the event of a conflict of interest, the Division Chair shall designate an alternative member of the Subject Division Executive to serve.

The award shall be presented annually. No award will be given out, if less than 3 nominations for the award are received or if the Committee considers that no suitable candidate has been nominated.

Additional Considerations

An individual cannot hold both the Environment Division Mehran Alaei Early Career Researcher Award and the Environment Research and Development Dikma Award in the same year. A nominee must demonstrate new achievements from that recognised for earlier awards to receive the Environment Research and Development Dima Award at a later date.