

2021 Physical Chemistry Division Lectureship

The Division of Physical Chemistry now invites nominations for the 2021 RACI Physical Chemistry Division Lectureship. We are seeking applications from early to mid-career researchers who display research excellence, independence, creativity, impact and vision in the areas of physical and theoretical/computational chemistry.

The Physical Chemistry Division of the RACI has established a funded Lectureship to allow outstanding early- and mid-career physical chemists to travel around Australia and present the results of their research work. In 2021, lectures may be delivered virtually and/or in person.

Nominations should be submitted to the Division Secretary, Dr Laura McKemmish, by Friday 30th April 2021. Electronic submissions only will be accepted and should be sent to l.mckemmish@unsw.edu.au.

The conditions of the lectureship are:

1. There is no age limit, and applications will be assessed relative to research opportunity.
2. Nominees must be within eleven years (*extended deadline due to COVID to be retained for two years*) of the award of their Ph.D. (or equivalent) and hold an academic, government or industrial position equivalent to at least academic Level B.
3. Nominees must be financial corporate members of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc.
4. Nominees should not have been previously invited to present a plenary lecture at an RACI Physical Chemistry Divisional meeting.
5. Only in exceptional circumstances will individuals falling outside these bounds be considered.
6. Nomination letters of less than 1 A4 page are required from two Corporate Members of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. Nominators should focus on the nominee's research excellence, independence, impact and vision but may also wish to include brief discussion of the nominee's contribution to the Australian physical chemistry community, mentoring, leadership, collegiality and student training as part of the nominee's broader research excellence.

7. Nominees are required to supply:

- a full list of publications.
- a brief statement of your research excellence, impact and vision
- curriculum vitae of up to 3 pages discussing your research excellence since PhD
- a brief statement of your research opportunities since PhD including any career interruptions and reduced opportunities for research should be included.
- title and abstract of the lecture that would be given if the application is successful
- brief proposal of some institutions you plan to present at

8. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Physical Chemistry Division (l.mckemmish@unsw.edu.au) by the advertised closing date.

Requirement of the Lectureship:

9. The Lecturer will be expected to present a lecture in at least six state capitals and/or major regional centres during the year of the Lectureship. For 2021 in light of COVID, some or all lectures may be given virtually. It is expected that the successful applicant will present (either physically or virtually) outside of their own state or territory in meeting this criterion. The RACI will pay reasonable travel expenses up to a maximum of \$3,000. Where possible, host institutions are expected to meet local accommodation and subsistence costs.

10. The final lecture program will be developed in consultation with the Selection Committee, with final approval by the Chair of the Physical Chemistry Division.

11. A brief written report of the lecture series should be provided to the Division Chair within 3 months of the final lecture being delivered.

12. The Selection Committee for the Lectureship shall consist of the Division Chair (as Convenor), Secretary, Treasurer, two previous Chairs, and an ECR observer. The composition of the Selection Committee is subject to modifications to address any potential or perceived conflict of interest.

More Information is available from Phys. Chem. Division Secretary: Laura McKemmish: l.mckemmish@unsw.edu.au