

2021 Physical Chemistry Division Medal



The Division of Physical Chemistry now invites nominations for the 2021 Physical Chemistry Division Medal. The Medal will be awarded by the Physical Chemistry Division in recognition of outstanding contributions by an individual within the field of Physical Chemistry in Australia. Contributions to any or all of research, education, industry, and service to the Division will be considered in making the award.

Nominations may be made by the person seeking the award, or by any member (or members jointly) of the RACI. Nominations made by a third party must be accompanied by a signed acceptance of nomination by the candidate.

Nominations should be submitted to the Division Secretary, Dr Laura McKemmish, by Friday 15th October 2021.

Conditions of the Medal

1. There is no age limit, and applications will be assessed relative to opportunity.
2. Nominees must be financial corporate members of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Inc.
3. Nominees must hold an academic, government, or industrial position in Australia or New Zealand equivalent to at least academic Level D. Only in exceptional circumstances will individuals falling outside these bounds be considered.
4. Nominees cannot be previous awardees of a RACI Physical Chemistry Division Medal.
5. The Award shall consist of a Medal and registration at the next Division Meeting where the recipient will be expected to deliver a Keynote Lecture.
6. The Selection Committee for the Award 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 ensure equity and diversity, and address any potential or perceived conflict of interest.

Application Process

1. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretary of the Physical Chemistry Division (l.mckemmish@unsw.edu.au) by the advertised closing date. Electronic submissions only will be accepted.

2. Nominees are required to supply:
 - a brief statement up to 4 pages describing your sustained contribution to research, education, industry, and/or service to the Division
 - a brief statement up to 1 page describing your career opportunities since PhD including any career interruptions and reduced opportunities.
 - curriculum vitae of up to 4 pages
 - a full list of publications (preferably a link to an online repository such as ORCID ID, Google Scholar).
3. Nomination letters of less than 1 A4 page are required from two Corporate Members of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (not including the nominee). Nominators should focus on the nominee's sustained contribution to the physical chemistry community in research, education, industry, and/or service to the Division in providing support of the nomination.
4. Nominations, including all supporting documentation, will be accepted up to a limit of 20 pages.

Award Selection Criteria

The RACI Physical Chemistry Division Medal is awarded to a senior chemist. The Medal is awarded from consideration of the collective contribution to any or all of research, education, industry, and service to the Division. Contribution to the Division and/or community is an essential selection criteria.

Award criteria that must be addressed include contributions to:

- the Division and/or the community
- at least one of research, education, and industry

The areas of contribution are not mutually exclusive, and applicants are encouraged to write an individual narrative that highlights their contribution to physical chemistry across all areas that are relevant to their experience. Applicants for the Medal will be assessed for (a) the nature of their contributions, (b) the impact of their contributions, and (c) how these contributions have been sustained over time.

The following list provides some examples by which applicants could demonstrate contributions and their impact. The list is not exhaustive and applicants are encouraged to include examples that highlight their individual contribution.

- Leadership: organisational leadership, thought leadership (e.g. improving policies), leading new programs or initiatives, cross-institutional research/education/industry agendas.
- Mentoring and community impact: support & promoting junior staff, students, and early-career-academics, enhancing peer opportunities.
- Vision and innovation/creativity: imaginative, novel, and useful ideas addressing important problems or gaps in research, education, industry, and/or service.

- Impact: what are the results of their actions on any relevant community or organisation.
- Promotion and advocacy: representation of an organisation or the community, promotion of chemistry, advocacy for an organisation or community.

More Information is available from Phys. Chem. Division Secretary: Laura McKemmish:
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Applications close Friday 23th October 2021.