

Cornforth Medal

The Board of the RACI awards the Cornforth Medal, a bronze relief medal bearing the words “For a Thesis on Chemical Research” commemorating the work of Sir John Cornforth AC CBE FRS. The medal is designed to give recognition for outstanding achievement in Chemistry and to promote chemical communication.

The medal is awarded to the candidate who is judged to have completed the most outstanding PhD thesis in a branch of Chemistry, chemical science, or chemical technology under the auspices of an Australian University and whose degree has been approved, but not necessarily conferred, in the previous 13 months. There shall not be a dual award. If the committee considers that none of the theses submitted reach an appropriate standard, no award will be made.

The award requires nomination by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) of an Australian University or a person holding the equivalent office at the University. The nominated candidate is required to be a current financial member for a minimum of one year.

Nominations open 1 April and close 12 June 2022. The nomination submission should include a copy of the PhD thesis, a citation describing the significance of the work, examiners’ reports if available, a justification of the nomination, and email and telephone contacts of no more than four referees.

Please email in a single PDF document to awards@raci.org.au (Subject: Cornforth Award) no later than 12 June 2022. Receipt will be acknowledged by return email.

After the closing date, no further nominations for the award will be accepted. If in the opinion of the Board there is no candidate who has sufficient merit, the Board may refrain from making an award.