

Leighton Memorial Medal

The Leighton Memorial Medal commemorates the distinguished career of A E Leighton. The Award was established in 1965 through the generosity of Miss Anne Leighton. It is the RACI's most prestigious medal. AE Leighton CMG, FRIC, FRACI MICHemE, died in 1961 after a distinguished career as a chemist, technologist, and administrator, having served Australia's interests in both war and peace.

A E Leighton was a staunch supporter of the RACI and during frequent visits to England in the early years of the RACI, carried out an enormous amount of work to secure the RACI's, Royal Charter. A E Leighton was in the first group of Fellows elected (June 1920), served as Victorian Branch President in 1920-22, and was President of the RACI in 1952-53.

The Leighton Medal, designed by the internationally famous medallionist Andor Meszaros, is of sterling silver showing a profile of Leighton on the obverse, and a design symbolising the chemical industry on the reverse.

The Leighton Medal is awarded in recognition of eminent services to Chemistry in Australia in the broadest sense. Candidates may apply or be nominated. The candidate must be a MRACI CChem with a minimum membership of 5 years.

Applications/nominations open 1 April and close 12 June 2022. The submission requirement is a current CV, summary/synopsis of activities including research, technology, service to the RACI, public service, and national leadership plus email and telephone contact details of no more than four referees.

Please email a single PDF document to awards@raci.org.au (Subject: Leighton 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.