

Call for Nominations: Materials Research Society Medal

Grantor: Materials Research Society

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Maximum: \$5,000.00

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The MRS Medal is intended to offer public and professional recognition of an exceptional achievement in materials research in the past ten years. A Medal will be awarded for a major advance or series of closely related advances that is expected to have a major impact on the progress of the relevant materials field.

The Award

Each Medal will consist of a \$5,000 cash prize, an engraved and mounted Medal, and a citation certificate. The registration fee and reasonable travel expenses to the MRS Meeting where the award presentation is made will be reimbursed.

Administration

The MRS Medal program is managed by the Medal Subcommittee of the MRS Awards Committee. The subcommittee is responsible for soliciting and evaluating nominations annually and recommending nominees to the MRS Board for final approval.

Rules and Eligibility

Nomination for the MRS Medal is open to scientists and engineers who have, within the past ten years, been responsible for a major advance, or series of closely related advances, in any materials-related field of research. The impact of their materials research upon the relevant materials field will be a primary consideration in making the awards. The Medal may recognize such impact within a larger traditional field or in a more specialized or developing field. Preference will generally be given to nominations for work which has not previously received appropriate award recognition. Please note that the MRS Medal is intended to highlight a specific, high-impact achievement or a series of closely related achievements in contrast to other awards whose criteria may often be based on accumulated lifetime achievements.

A nominee need not be a member of the Materials Research Society. Current members of the MRS Medal Award Subcommittee, MRS Board members and previous MRS Medal recipients are not eligible. The selection of the Medal winners must be approved by the MRS Board based upon recommendation from the Awards Committee; the decision of the Board is final. Medals will not be awarded in absentia except in extraordinary circumstances. A Medal will normally be awarded to one individual for a cited achievement. However, the Medal may be awarded for a cited achievement attributable to two or three individuals. In that case, each recipient will receive a personal medal trophy, registration, and travel support. The cash award will be divided equally. Nominations remain active for three years. Updates may be made

by resubmitting all components (updated and original).

Nomination Package Requirements

Completed Nomination Summary Form

Proposed Citation (<60 words). Summarize the achievements upon which the nomination is based, avoiding flowery descriptors.

Nominator Statement (2-pages maximum), supporting the candidate's suitability for the award with particular reference to:

the specific, crisply defined, recent research achievement which is proposed for recognition
the impact of the achievement within the relevant materials field, and its effect on other sciences, and
the innovative and perceptive quality of the candidate's work

Curriculum Vitae of the nominee (2-pages maximum)

List of candidate's 10 most relevant publications with proper citation, titles and including a citation analysis (1-page maximum).

Letters of support from two established scientists familiar with the nominee's qualifications and area of research. Each letter must be two-pages or less and should make specific reference to the three criteria in item 3 above. The letters must be on letterhead and include the signature of the supporter.

The entire nomination package must not exceed 10 pages. The final complete nomination package as a Word or PDF document must be in the following order:

Completed Nomination Form, including Proposed Citation

Statement by Nominator (2-pages maximum)

Curriculum Vitae (2-pages maximum)

List of publications and citation analysis (1-page maximum)

Two Letters of Support (each letter 2-pages maximum)

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Submission Procedure and Deadline

The full nomination must be compiled as a single file document in Word or PDF format with a maximum of 10 pages. Incomplete nominations will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure legibility of the PDF or

Word document. Send the file via email to awardsprogram@mrs.org by April 1.

Link: <http://www.mrs.org/medal-nomination-info/>