

RACI awards: call for nominations

Biota Award for Medicinal Chemistry

To encourage the design and development by younger RACI financial members (under 40 at the time of application) of small molecules as potential therapeutic agents.

The prize (A\$5000.00 and a medal) may be used in any way to assist the professional development of the recipient, including attending conferences or visiting overseas laboratories. The medal will recognise the chemist judged to be responsible for the best drug design and development paper published, patent taken out, or commercial-in-confidence report in the previous calendar year concerning small molecules (less than 1000 Da) as potential therapeutic agents.

Four (4) copies of applications should be forwarded to RACI, 21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051 by the closing date.

After that time, no further nominations for the award shall be received. If, in the opinion of the Board, there is no candidate amongst those nominated who has sufficient merit, the Board may refrain from making an award.

Closing date: 31 August 2005

Citations

The acknowledgment of contributions to chemistry and progression of the profession over a period of many years.

There are a considerable number of chemists, financial members of the Institute, who make substantial contributions to chemistry and especially the progress of the profession over a period of many years. To provide recognition of these contributions, the Institute initiated RACI Citations in 1987.

Citations are based upon the following contributions: research, development or applications of chemistry; chemistry in other disciplines or technologies; chemical education; the promotion of chemistry; and service to the RACI.

Nominations may be submitted by a person seeking the award, by the Branches or Divisions or by two financial members of the RACI. Five copies of nominations shall include a general statement of the nominee's contributions to chemistry and the chemical profession together with a curriculum vitae and any relevant details of publications, patents and other supporting material.

Up to three Citations may be awarded in a calendar year. The Board reserves the right not to make an award if no suitable applications are received.

Forward five (5) copies of nominations to RACI, 21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051 by the closing date. After that time, no further nominations for the award shall be received.

Closing date: 31 August 2005

Cornforth Medal

For the best PhD thesis submitted in a branch of chemistry in the previous year.

The medal is awarded to a financial RACI member for the most outstanding PhD thesis submitted in a branch of chemistry, chemical science or chemical technology in the previous 13 months. The PhD may be approved, but not necessarily conferred. Nominations should be through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or equivalent and include a copy of the thesis, a citation on the work's significance and a justification of the nomination.

Nominations should be sent to RACI, 21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051 by the closing date.

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Distinguished Fellowship Award

Recognising outstanding contributions to chemistry and the RACI and awarded towards retirement from the Fellow's principal professional role.

The Distinguished Fellowship Award acknowledges outstanding contributions to the profession in academia, government or industry and to the Institute. Restricted to financial RACI Fellows, nominations are made by Branches, Divisions or two senior RACI Fellows and should include a citation on the reason for the recommendation, highlights of their service to the Institute and of their professional career.

Six (6) copies of the application should be sent to 21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051 by the closing date.

After that time, no further nominations for the award shall be received. If, in the opinion of the Board, there is no candidate amongst those nominated who has sufficient merit, the Board may refrain from making an award.

Closing date: 31 August 2005

Jim O'Donnell International Travel Awards

To enable financial graduate students to present at a major international conference overseas.

Professor Jim O'Donnell generously bequeathed the RACI with a sum of \$25 000.00 to establish the 'Jim O'Donnell International Travel Awards'. This amount has been increased by donations from individuals, organisations and companies.

Professor Jim O'Donnell, throughout his long and distinguished career at the University of Queensland, was a tireless advocate for linking young Australian chemists directly to international science. These awards go a long way to fulfilling his vision.

The guidelines for the awards are:

- The awards will be available to financial RACI members who are currently enrolled as graduate students to enable them to participate in a significant international conference overseas.
- Each awardee shall be the presenter of one oral paper.
- There will be two rounds of applications and awards will be valued at A\$1500 each.

Five (5) copies of the application for the second round of the awards should be sent to the RACI National Office by the closing date and should consist of a curriculum vitae, including a statement of academic record, the abstract of the paper to be presented and a short statement indicating to the selection committee how attending the conference will benefit the student's career. The award will be for a conference to be held between 1 July 2005 and 31 December 2005.

Applicants should arrange for their principal research supervisor to forward a reference to RACI, 21 Vale Street, North Melbourne, Vic. 3051 by the closing date.

After that time, no further nominations for the award shall be received. If, in the opinion of the Board, there is no candidate amongst those nominated who has sufficient merit, the Board may refrain from making an award.

Closing date: 30 August 2005

Australian Polymer Science and Technology Achievement Award

In 1992 the Polymer Division created a new award, the Australian Polymer Science and Technology Achievement

Award, to recognise the achievement of Australian polymer scientists while their careers are still developing. The aim of this award is to encourage their work in polymer science or technology and to help them gain international recognition. This award is designed to fill a gap between the Treloar Prize (age limit 30) and the senior awards of the Polymer Division, namely the Polymer Division Citations and the Australian Polymer Medal. Previous awardees are: 1992, Professor Gordon Wallace (University of Wollongong); 1994, Dr Gordon Meijs (CSIRO Division of Chemicals and Polymers); 1996, Dr G. Spinks (University of Wollongong); 2000, Dr Andrew Whittaker (University of Queensland).

Nominations are being sought for the Australian Polymer Science and Technology Achievement Award for 2005. Nominations are sought for the award from people in industry, universities or government organisations working in fundamental or applied areas.

The conditions of the award are as follows:

- 1 The award is made for individual achievement in the science or technology of polymers.
- 2 The recipient must be a corporate member of the RACI of at least 3 years standing and a current resident of Australia or New Zealand.
- 3 The recipient must be under the age of 40 on 1 May 2005.
- 4 Each nominee must submit a 500-word statement describing his or her achievements in polymer science and technology, together with a curriculum vitae that includes a list of publications and patents.
- 5 A nomination must be seconded by two RACI members and include the names of two referees who can comment on the nominee's achievements. Referees may second nominations.
- 6 The RACI Polymer Division shall appoint a sub-committee of RACI members to consider nominations and to make recommendations to it. No award shall be made if the standing committee considers that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
- 7 The 2005 award will be presented at the 28th Australasian Polymer Symposium in New Zealand in February 2006. The recipient will be expected to present a lecture during 28APS. The Polymer Division will provide reasonable expenses for the winner to attend 28APS.
- 8 Nominations should be sent to the secretary of the Polymer Division, Dr George Simon, Department of Materials Engineering, Monash University, Clayton, Vic. 3168, no later than 31 October 2005.