

## Fensham Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Chemical Education

### Applications Open 1 April and Close on 30 June.

The RACI introduced the Fensham Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Chemical Education to recognise outstanding contributions to the teaching of Chemistry and science in general over an extended period. The Fensham Medal is the most senior award for education in the RACI.

Recognition will be in the form of a medal, awarded at the National Awards Dinner. Nominations for the award will be assessed by a committee appointed by the Board.

Candidates are to be nominated and seconded by two senior RACI members. RACI membership must be MRACI (and above) and for a minimum of 3 years. Candidates must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in Chemistry and Chemistry related teaching and learning over a period of at least 10 years at the primary, secondary or tertiary levels of Chemical Education, or through public or industry-based appointments.

The nomination requirement is a current CV highlighting:

- a) The development, presentation, and propagation of formal coursework or practical material.
- b) Public delivery of Chemistry and science-related material in the Australian context.
- c) Theoretical and practice innovations in educational pedagogy related to course design, content, delivery, and assessment.
- d) The nurturing of public awareness and understanding of Chemistry and chemistry-related science in its broadest context.
- e) Evidence of outstanding achievement and recognition will include but is not restricted to:
  - Awards, prizes, and citations for teaching and learning activities
  - Acceptance of material in peer-reviewed educational journals and publications
  - One or more textbooks that have been widely accepted by educational institutions
  - Incorporation of material into curricula at the State and National levels
  - The impact of the candidate's contributions to Chemistry and science teaching as attested to by a set of independent statements from former students
  - Invitations to learning and teaching conferences as plenary or keynote speaker
  - A documented history of public lectures and presentations that develop a greater understanding of the chemical sciences in the population in general
- f) Two referees of good standing. Please provide: 1. Name 2. Email address 3. Telephone.

Please email a single PDF document to [awards@raci.org.au](mailto:awards@raci.org.au) (Subject: Fensham Medal) no later than 30 June. 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.