

Materials Chemistry Division (MCD) Strategy 2018-2021

The Materials Chemistry Division supports the study and dissemination of materials chemistry in all its forms

The Materials Chemistry Division:

- 1. Supports networking and community building among materials chemists across academic and industrial research**
 - We support and partner with early career researchers, for example by supporting the Recent Appointees in Materials Science (RAMS) and Recent Appointees in Polymer Science (RAPS) meetings.
 - We hold a biennial poster symposium to support early career researchers in disseminating their research and building their networks.
 - We support the next generation of materials chemists to build their networks through our [travel grants](#).
 - We support international networking through our connection to the [EuCheMS Division of Solid State and Materials Chemistry](#) as well as other international societies.
 - We develop and maintain links with Interest Groups and external bodies such as the [SCI](#) and [IOM3](#), through meetings, shared activities and joint awards.
- 2. Advances scientific knowledge through conferences, events and scientific activities**
 - We develop scientific activities to highlight opportunities for materials chemistry and catalyse collaboration and innovation.
 - Our flagship meeting, the 'MC' conference series, has provided a showcase for materials chemistry for over two decades. It regularly attracts over 500 scientists to the UK and represents the breadth of materials chemistry research. The next edition of the conference, [MC14](#), takes place in Birmingham in 2019.
 - We act in an advisory role to support and shape the work of the Royal Society of Chemistry as it relates to materials chemistry, including publications, symposia, and the development of the RSC's scientific programmes.
 - We support our community to build networks through our [scientific meetings](#) grants.
- 3. Acts as an advocate for the field of Materials Chemistry to the scientific community, influential audiences and society as a whole**
 - Our members contribute to policy consultation responses prepared by the RSC, with the aim of influencing decision makers in areas which impact the field, including UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), EPSRC, and Government.
 - We give [prizes and awards](#) to recognise and celebrate excellence in materials chemistry research. These include the de Gennes Prize, a biennial award recognising outstanding and exceptional work in the field of materials chemistry, and the Gibson-Fawcett Award which recognises original and independent contributions to materials chemistry by scientists within the first 15 years of their independent career.