

The Food Group Open Career Medal

The Food Group Open Career Medal is awarded for outstanding contributions to the chemical sciences in the area of food chemistry.

The prize is sponsored by Elsevier suite of food chemistry journals

- The winner receives £2,000, a medal and a certificate.
- The winner will be invited to present at an RSC Food Group Event.
- The winner will be chosen by the Food Group Awards Committee.
- The competition will be run biennially.

History of the prize

The Food Group Senior Medal were originally established in 1987 to recognise research and/or impact in the area of food chemistry and ran for 20 years. In light of the recent innovation in food chemistry in response to the challenges to our current food system, this medal is being reinstated as the biennial Food Group Open Medal. It will be open to chemists in all organisations including academia, industry, government and consultancy.

Guidelines for nominators

Nominations open **20th June 2022**

Nominations close **31st August 2022, 17:00 BST**

Only RSC members can nominate for this prize.

Nominees need not be members of the RSC but may NOT nominate themselves.

Individuals named in any of the following roles during the nomination and judging period are not eligible to nominate or be nominated:

- Division Presidents
- Awards Working Group members
- Trustees of the Royal Society of Chemistry
- Royal Society of Chemistry Staff

There are no career stage restrictions associated with this prize.

When nominating previous RSC prize or award winners, please remember that a person cannot be awarded twice for substantially the same body of work.

Nominators will be asked to provide details of the nominee's professional experience, in relation to the criteria outlined below.

To make a nomination, please submit the following information to rsfoodgroup@gmail.com

Your name, contact details, and membership number (please contact the RSC Membership team if you do not know your membership details).

- Your nominee's name and contact details.
- An up-to-date CV for the nominee (no longer than one A4 side, 11pt text), which should include a summary of their education and career.
- Details (title, author/inventor list, publication year, DOI/reference no., abstract) of up to 5 relevant publications/patents.
- A short citation describing what the nominee should be awarded for. This must be no longer than 250 characters (including spaces) and no longer than one sentence.
- A supporting statement (up to 750 words) addressing the selection criteria.
- A statement (up to 100 words) describing how your nominee has contributed more broadly to the scientific community.
- References are not required for this prize and will not be accepted.

The RSC reserves the right to rescind any prize if there are reasonable grounds to do so. All nominators will be asked to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, their nominee's professional standing is such that there is no confirmed or potential impediment to them receiving this prize. All winners will be asked to sign the RSC's Code of Conduct Declaration for Recognition.

Selection Criteria and Judging Panel

Our selection committee will base their evaluations primarily on the overall quality of relevant contributions made by nominees and not on quantitative measures. The scientific content of any supporting publications, as described in the supporting statement, is much more important than publication metrics or the identity of the journal in which it is published.

The selection committee will consider the following aspects of nominations for this prize:

- Impact on the food sector
- Originality of research
- Innovation in food chemistry
- Quality of publications and/or patents and/or software
- Professional standing
- Collaborations and teamwork
- Other indicators of esteem indicated by the nominator

In an instance where multiple nominees are judged equally meritorious in relation to the above criteria, judging panels have the flexibility to use information provided by the nominator on the nominee's broader contribution to the chemistry community as an additional criterion. Examples of relevant contributions could include, but are not limited to:

- Involvement with Royal Society of Chemistry member groups/networks
- Teaching/demonstrating
- Effective mentorship
- Service on boards, committees or panels
- Leadership in the scientific community
- Peer-reviewer
- Promotion of diversity and inclusion
- Advocacy for chemistry
- Public engagement and outreach
- Awards Working Group