

EZIO RIZZARDO POLYMER SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES

The Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship will acknowledge and award merit and potential impact of an outstanding PhD candidate in polymer science or engineering. This fund will be a top up to an existing scholarship holder who is undertaking, or is about to commence, PhD studies that are related to polymer science or engineering and whose work will target delivering impacts that benefit Australia. The scholarship will provide \$10,000 per year for up to three years, plus a \$5,000 travel fund.

The Australian Academy of Technology & Engineering (ATSE) administers the Scholarship (which is funded by the former CRC for Polymers) and will be presented at the ATSE Innovation and Excellence Awards dinner on 11 June 2020 in Melbourne.

Applications close

9:00am AEST Thursday 2 April 2020

Award purpose

- To encourage and support outstanding polymer research in Australia.
- To draw national attention to Australia's outstanding polymer research capability.
- To elevate polymer research among the technology and innovation communities.
- Reinforce the contribution polymer science or engineering makes to Australia's reputation as a centre of technology and innovation leadership.

Award Selection Criteria

The Awardee will:

- Have demonstrated excellence in their undergraduate degree.
- Present a research proposal with the potential to make a high impact contribution to polymer science or engineering.
- Be able to effectively communicate their scientific ideas and accomplishments to a broad audience.

Eligibility and nomination of candidates

Eligibility is limited to:

- Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents.
- Students who will be enrolled at one of the 14 participant universities of the former CRC for Polymers. Eligible Universities are: University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT University, Swinburne University of Technology, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong, University of Newcastle, University of New England, University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, University of South Australia, and University of Western Australia.

Candidates for the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship must be nominated by an individual Proposer, who must be either Dean of Engineering or Dean of Science of one of the 14 eligible universities. Each Dean may propose one nominee for the scholarship ie a maximum of two nominees per university

The candidate's PhD supervisor must supply a statement of support (500 words) that clearly indicates a detailed knowledge of the research project for which the nomination has been made.

The Proposer is to complete the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship Nomination Form and ensure all required supporting documents are submitted by the closing time and date.

The Nominee must acknowledge the nomination by signature, thus confirming the facts attested in the nomination (electronic signature acceptable).

Assessment criteria and selection

All eligible nominations for the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship will be considered by the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee will be drawn from ATSE's polymer specialist Fellows.

The Selection Committee may seek assistance from appropriate learned specialists, professional associations or consultants.

The Selection Committee will assess all nominations against the following key criteria:

- Have demonstrated excellence in their undergraduate degree.
- Have potential innovation and impact in a polymer science or engineering research project.
- May choose to conduct interviews with shortlist nominees

Each sub criterion will be given equal weighting by the Selection Committee.

The winner will be notified by ATSE by the beginning of May 2020.

All decisions taken by the selection committee shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Obligations of the winner/s

Each nominee will give permission for details contained in the Nomination to be released to the members of the Selection Committee (both those listed in the Nomination Form and external referees) for the purposes of the selection process.

Whenever such material is considered by the Selection Committee, this information and details of their deliberations and recommendations will remain confidential. The Nominee should note that a description of the work being acclaimed and images of the winner will be publicised.

Attachments

The Nomination Form must include the following attachments:

- CV of the Nominee (maximum two pages).
- A certified copy of the academic transcript of the Nominee.
- A research proposal written by the Nominee (maximum 500 words).

Lodgement

The selection panel will only consider nomination material provided in the submitted nomination form by the closing date 9:00am AEST Thursday 2 April 2020. Applications received after this time and date will not be considered.

All attachments should be named clearly, for example: Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship Nomination Form: CITIZEN, Jane. Incomplete Nomination submissions will not be considered.

Only electronic submissions of nominations and attachments will be accepted.

**Nominations must be lodged by
09.00am AEST Thursday 2 April 2020
via email to erps@atse.org.au**

The Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship Selection Committee is of the view that the confidentiality of information exchanges must be strictly observed and its deliberations will remain confidential.

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In accordance with the Privacy Act, ATSE protects the privacy and security of information provided by you. By completing this form, you agree to the use of your personal information by ATSE for purposes related to the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship; that ATSE may contact you about our products and services; and that ATSE may use this information for internal purposes. If you do not wish to receive further information, please email info@atse.org.au or call 03 9864 0900.

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Checklist

The following materials constitute a complete nomination:

PART A – Nominee, Proposer and Supervisor details

PART B – Executive overview

PART C – Eligibility criteria

CRITERION 1 – A student of one of the 14 participant universities (PDF evidence attached).

CRITERION 2 – An Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident (PDF evidence attached).

PART D – Proposer Statement (300 words)

PART E – Supervisor Statement (500 words)

PART F – Nominee Statement of Consent

PART G – Attachments

- Nominee's CV (maximum two pages)
- Nominee's official academic transcript
- Research Proposal (500 word)

The Proposer and / or the Nominee may be called upon by the Selection Panel to provide evidence of claims made within submitted documentation.

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