

# AVS Prairie Chapter Award for Outstanding Research



**Purpose:** To encourage and reward outstanding research in materials, interfaces, or processing.

**Nature:** The award consists of \$1,000, a certificate setting forth the reasons for the award, and an honorary lectureship at the annual Prairie Chapter meeting. Up to \$500 for travel expenses to the meeting at which the award is presented will be reimbursed.

**Eligibility:** A nominee must have accomplished outstanding research of a theoretical or experimental nature in a field related to materials, interfaces, or processing. The nominee must have been a member of the AVS for a minimum of five continuous years at the time of nomination and must be a current member of the Prairie Chapter. Special consideration will be given to nominees who have demonstrated a commitment to the AVS through sustained service. Current members of the Prairie Chapter Executive Committee are not eligible.

**Deadline:** March 1 (annual review)

**Support:** The award is sponsored by the AVS Prairie Chapter.

## **Nomination procedure:**

Complete package should be transmitted electronically as a *single PDF file* to:  
Seth Darling, AVS Prairie Chapter Chair, [darling@anl.gov](mailto:darling@anl.gov)

A nomination may be made by anyone qualified to evaluate, highlight, and validate the nominee's accomplishments. An individual may submit only one nomination letter in any given year. The nomination package must include the following:

*Nomination Letter* - The letter nominating an individual must describe the work for which the award is proposed and indicate the role the work has played in solving particular scientific or technological problems. The significance of these problems and the impact of the nominee's accomplishments on the field should be discussed. If the work was performed in collaboration with others, the contributions of the nominee should be clearly stated. A proposed citation, a one-sentence synopsis of the reason for selecting the nominee, and a list of individuals sending supporting letters, should also be included. The nominating letter should not exceed two pages in length, but should be as detailed as possible to allow the Awards Committee, who may be experts in other fields, to evaluate the nominee's contributions.

*Biographical Materials* - A Curriculum Vitae or biographical sketch of the nominee, including a list of publications and patents must be given.

*Supporting Letters* - A maximum of two supporting letters must be arranged by the nominator. Typically these should not exceed one page. Their main purpose is to endorse the nomination and to provide additional evidence of the nominee's accomplishments. The supporting letter(s) should be written by individuals at institutions other than that of the nominee.