

Chemistry for Cultural Heritage Early-Stage Scientist Biannual Award

The EuChemS Working Party Chemistry for Cultural Heritage (WP ChemCH) is launching the call for the “Chemistry for Cultural Heritage Early-Stage Scientist Award,” which is planned to become biannual. The promotion of early-career researchers is a priority of the WP ChemCH. The Chemistry for Cultural Heritage Early-Stage Scientist Award will highlight the innovation of young researchers at the intersection of chemistry, technology, society, and cultural heritage and acknowledge their early-career achievements.

Who is eligible for nomination

The nominee should demonstrate outstanding commitment to the field of Chemistry for Cultural Heritage. Nominations of Early-Stage level researchers with no more than 8 years of experience since completion of the Doctoral Degree at the time of submission of the nominee are welcome. Nominees must be working in a country with a EuChemS Member Organisation at the time of the nomination.

This award aims to recognise demonstrable, significant achievements in the field of Chemistry for Cultural Heritage during the nominee’s early career. The nominees don't need to be chemists by profession, although it is expected that they have integrated chemistry for cultural heritage into their careers.

Who can submit a nomination

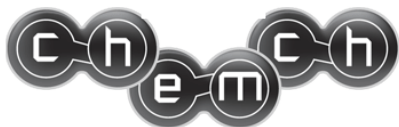
Nominations may be submitted by a member of national Chemical Societies and other chemistry-related organisations in Europe under the umbrella of EuChemS (<https://www.euchems.eu/members-3/member-societies/>). Self-nominations are not accepted.

How to submit a nomination

Nominations must be sent exclusively via email to the President of the WP ChemCH (elena.badea@edu.ucv.ro) after the call for nominations has been announced on the WP ChemCH website: "Nomination for the Chemistry for Cultural Heritage Early-Stage Scientist Award." Nominations submitted after the deadline are not considered.

A nomination must include the following:

- A nomination letter highlighting the salient aspects of the nominee’s achievements to be considered for the award, no longer than 5 single-spaced pages. The nomination letter should contain a one-sentence citation (no more than 250 characters, including spaces), formulating precisely the reason for nominating the candidate, which may be used in public communications about the awards.
- The nominee’s CV (max. three single-spaced pages), including the list of most relevant publications (no more than 15).



- At least three Letters of Support from distinguished members of the research community. Support letters from individuals not associated with EuChemS are also welcome. At least one of the letters should be from outside the nominee's country of residence. The supporting letters may be addressed to the President of the WP ChemCH (elena.badea@edu.ucv.ro)
- A document that certifies the attainment of the doctorate (important: for the PhD certificates, the date of dissertation defence must be given).

Selection process

The awardee will be selected by an Award Committee, appointed from among the members of the WP CHEMCH. The Award Committee is presided by the President of the WP ChemCH. The Committee must be gender-balanced, consist of at least 5 members who cannot be involved in the nomination process in any capacity, and should declare any other conflict of interest immediately after receiving the nominations for consideration. The names of the Award Committee members are made public when the awardee is announced.

The core criteria for assessment of candidates are listed below:

- Excellence of research in the intersection of chemistry, technology, society, and cultural heritage
- Demonstrated impact of the early career research/scholarship within but also beyond the academic community
- Ability to promote international scientific cooperation
- Vision for future work/research and its expected contribution to the field
- Demonstrated standards of professional ethics and scientific integrity
- Strength and clarity of rationale in the nomination letter

Timeline

Applications for the award are due by **January 15th 2026**. Notification to the awardee and nominator will be sent via email by **March 15th 2026**.

Award ceremony

The awardee is publicly announced on the websites of EuChemS, including the webpage of the WP ChemCH, ChemCH Congress, and the national Chemical Society of the awardee. The awardee will be an invited lecturer at the **ChemCH 2026 congress (8-11 June 2026, Bled, Slovenia)**. The awardee's conference registration fee is waived. The awardee will receive an Award Certificate Diploma signed by the President of the WP ChemCH and the ChemCH Conference Chairperson.