

European Polymer Federation Prize

Description:

The Board of the European Polymer Federation (EPF) has established the “*European Polymer Federation Prize*” to recognize outstanding accomplishment and excellence of contributions in research in polymer science and contributions to the strengthening of the polymer science community. The prize consists of 5,000 € and a Certificate citing the contributions made by the recipient.

The Prize is presented during a Special Session during the European Polymer Congress, which is organized by the EPF.

Rules & Eligibility:

Nominations are open to all scientists of all nations regardless of membership in the Societies-Members of EPF or the geographical location in which the work was carried out. The Prize shall ordinarily be awarded to one person but a Prize may be shared when all the recipients have contributed to the same accomplishments. Nominations are active for two cycles.

Nomination & Selection Process:

The nomination package must include:

- A nomination letter of not more than 5,000 characters describing the qualifications of the nominee(s)
- The nominee’s CV
- A list of the most important publications
- At least two, but not more than four, seconding letters in support of the nomination
- Up to five reprints or preprints of seminal works by the nominee(s)

To start a new or update a nomination, please see the **Nomination Guidelines**.

Deadline: Friday, December 31, 2021

Selection Committee Members:

- The President of EPF
- The Past-President of EPF
- The Past-past President
- The Secretary of EPF
- The Treasurer of EPF

Two Members of the EPF Board elected by the Board

Nomination Guidelines

Eligibility to Nominate

- The nominator should be a member of a EPF Member Society
- Anyone may submit only one nomination or seconding letter for the Prize given at a particular European Polymer Congress.
- A member of the Committee making the selection must not submit a nomination or write a seconding letter
- Self-nominations are not accepted.

Eligibility to be Nominated

- Nominators are expected to think about a diverse set of nominations that include women, members of underrepresented minority groups and scientists outside Europe.
- A nominee does not have to be a member of a EPF Member Society.
- Emphasis should generally be on the nominee's recent work.
- Most nominees are individuals, but in some cases teams may be nominated, especially collaborations involving more than one institution.
- The Award cannot be given posthumously.

Nomination Components

Generally, a nominating package consists of:

- The nominee's name, institution, contact information.
- A suggested citation (usually citations do not include the person's name, and start with "For...". The citation should be limited to 300 characters or less, including spaces.
- A nomination letter evaluating the nominee's qualifications and identifying the specific work or achievement to be recognized. The contributions to strengthening of the polymer research community should also be outlined.
- At least two, but no more than four, seconding letters in support of the nomination.
- The nominee's CV.
- A list of the nominee's most important publications.
- Up to five reprints or preprints.

All files must be written in English in PDF format. Letters must be on letterhead, dated, and signed physically or with an electronic signature. Include the name of the nominee in the filenames.

Instructions for Submitting a Nomination

The nomination period for the EPF Prize typically opens right after the European Polymer Congress of a particular year and its deadline is at the end of December of the subsequent year. Please refer to the exact deadline date for the particular nominating period. The nominating package should be submitted electronically to the EPF Secretary with a copy (cc) to the EPF President.

Nomination Review, Selection, and Notification

- The seven-member selection Committee consists of the President of EPF, the Past-President of EPF, the Past-past President of EPF, the Secretary of EPF, the Treasurer of EPF and two Members of the EPF Board elected by the Board for two consecutive nomination cycles.
- After the nomination deadline passes, the selection committee will begin their review and selection process.
- The recommendations of the Prize selection committee are reviewed and approved by the EPF Board during their meeting in February of the year of the European Polymer Congress where the Prize will be given.
- After selection is approved, the recipient and the nominator receive a notification letter from the EPF President. EPF will announce the prize and award recipients on the EPF website and other media.
- The EPF President will notify nominators whose nominations were not selected. For a nomination to be carried over to be reviewed in the next review cycle (a nomination can be active for two award cycles, i.e., for four years in total), the nominator will have to notify the EPF Secretariat. When the next nomination cycle begins, nominators who have an active carry over nomination will receive a reminder email to review / update their nomination as needed.
- If a nomination is expired, the nominator may submit a new nomination.