

Australian Glycoscience Society (AGS) Awards – Process and Policy

Aim: To establish an AGS Early-Career Research (ECR) Award and an AGS Mid-Career Research (MCR) Award to recognise and celebrate the achievements, contributions and leadership potential of the younger segment of our AGS membership base.

Award: The AGS ECR/MCR awardees receive a monetary prize (amount TBA each round). Awardees are expected to deliver an award lecture at the next AGS meeting (see “Expectations” below).

Eligibility:

- AGS ECR Award: < 7 years post-PhD; AGS MCR Award: 7-15 years post-PhD (measured at the time of submission of the nomination, significant career interruptions e.g. parental leave, COVID etc can be considered when determining post-PhD time, but must be clearly justified).
- Nominees must be AGS members when applying AND when receiving the award at the following AGS meeting (often different calendar years). Documentation (PhD conferral date) is required to confirm time post-PhD eligibility. All AGS members across disciplines, institutions, genders and ethnicities who satisfies the above criteria are encouraged to apply.

General selection criteria (evaluated relative to opportunity): (subject to change in each round)

- Scientific achievements across the glycosciences (40%)
- Impactful contributions to the glycoscience community (10%)
- Growing inter/national standing in field (30%)
- Potential for impact as a future research leader in the glycosciences (20%)

Process: There are no self-nominations possible. Each nomination must be made by ONE (1) Proposer who must be an AGS member at the time the nomination is submitted. For each round, each Proposer can nominate up to two Nominees across the ECR and MCR award categories combined. Additionally, Nominees must also list ONE Referee of their choice (AGS member or non-member) who is familiar with their career achievements, impact and contributions to field.

- The Nominee and Proposer must complete and submit the award application. Applications must adhere strictly to the requirements set out in the award guidelines that also detail the submission procedure.
- Nominations should be received by the AGS Awards Committee before the specified deadline. Applications must adhere strictly to the guidelines to be considered for award.
- The AGS Awards Committee will score and rank the nominations. The committee reserves the right to seek consultation outside the AGS Award Committee both by reaching out to the listed Referees as well as in cases where conflict of interest prevents appropriate evaluation of a nominee. The committee also reserves the right to not announce an AGS ECR and/or MRC Award winner should no suitable candidate(s) be available in a given round.
- The AGS Award Committee will inform award winners of outcome well ahead of the next AGS to allow sufficient time for travel plans and logistics to be completed.
- Awardees will receive their award and deliver their lectures at the following AGS meeting.

Expectations to award winners:

- Awardees agree to be promoted with profile/bio on the AGS society website, in newsletters and in the social media pages managed by the AGS.
- Awardees must (where possible) actively promote and acknowledge being recipient of the AGS award thereby serving as “ambassadors” for the AGS in the calendar year of their award.
- Awardees agree to deliver an award lecture at the following AGS meeting.
- Awardees understand that they must be an active AGS member at the time of the award ceremony and that they must be present at the award ceremony to receive the award.