

ACIS Best Thesis Prize

Terms of Reference

The ACIS Best Thesis prize is awarded annually to the candidate who is judged to have completed the most outstanding PhD thesis in a branch of Colloid and Interface Science undertaken at an Australian or New Zealand University, and whose degree has been approved, but not necessarily conferred, in the previous 13 months. The award will take the form of a \$500 cash prize and a certificate.

Although the nominator will typically be a member of the nominee's supervisory team, nomination for the award may be made by any current financial member of the Australasian Colloid and Interface Society (ACIS). The nominee must also be a current member of ACIS at the time of application (9th December 2020); self-nominations will not be considered.

The nomination submission should include:

1. A copy of the PhD thesis, or a link to a copy if the file size is >25 MB;
2. A letter from the nominator describing the significance of the work and justifying the nomination (2 pages maximum). This should include a summary of the key scholarly outputs during candidature (journal publications, conference presentations and proceedings, patents, non-conventional outputs);
3. Email and telephone contacts of the nominator.

Please note that theses subject to any embargo will only be accepted for nomination and consideration for the award once the embargo period has elapsed.

Please email in a single PDF document to acis.enquiries@gmail.com **by the closing date, which is 9th December 2020**. Receipt will be acknowledged by return email. Enquiries about the award can be made to the Chair of the awards and prizes committee, Gunther Andersson, Gunther.andersson@flinders.edu.au.

After the closing date, no further nominations for the award will be accepted. If in the opinion of the Board of ACIS there is no sufficiently compelling application, the Board may refrain from making an award in any given year.

The decision of the judges will be subject to the approval of the ACIS Board. The Board decision is final, and no discussions or correspondence will be entered into.