

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; 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 applications in a single PDF document to Dr Joe Berry, Chair of the Awards Committee of ACIS (berryl@unimelb.edu.au), by the **7th January 2022**. Receipt will be acknowledged by return email. 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. Requests for further information should also be addressed directly to Dr Joe Berry. The recipient of the Best Thesis Prize will be notified by email and announced in the ACIS newsletter.

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.