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Nomination Window Open for PPS Awards

Upcoming PPS Conferences

Dear Fellow PPS Member,

Greetings on behalf of the 2023-25 Executive Committee of PPS! We thank you for your membership of PPS and patronage of this truly international, professional technical society.

Nomination Window is Open for 2024 PPS Awards: PPS annual awards nomination window is open for 2024. Nominations are accepted for PPS Fellows, James L. White Innovation Award, Morand Lambla Award, Young Researcher Award, Graduate Travel Award, and Young Researcher Travel Award.

(a) **PPS Fellows:** The Polymer Processing Society recognizes its members as PPS Fellows for achieving a distinguished record in scientific and technological developments in polymer processing. The nominee and the nominator should both be PPS members in good standing. A nomination package should include a nomination letter (max 2 pages) describing the nominees' scientific achievements and/or innovations in the field of polymers, statement of record of service to PPS (1 page), complete CV, two (2) additional letters of recommendation endorsing the achievements. The nomination package should be submitted to **Prof. Takeshi Kikutani** (email: kikutani.t.aa@m.titech.ac.jp), chair of Fellows Election Committee by midnight GMT, January 15, 2024.

(b) **James L. White Innovation Award:** This award honors outstanding researcher(s) or inventor(s) from both academia and industry, either as individuals or as a group, in polymer processing and related fields. Complete nomination packages should be sent electronically by the first nominator to: **Prof. John Vlachopoulos** (email: vlachopj@mcmaster.ca). The deadline for submission of complete nomination packages is midnight GMT January 15, 2024.

(c) **Morand Lambla Award:** This award honors an outstanding young researcher of age 45 years or less by December 31, 2023, in the field of polymer processing. The award recognizes and stimulates originality, high achievement and potential for continuing creativity among young researchers in the science and technology of all polymer processing related areas. Complete nomination packages should be sent electronically to **Professor S-J (Sean) Liu** (email: shihjung@mail.cgu.edu.tw) by midnight GMT January 15, 2024. *Candidates need not be PPS members.*

(d) **PPS Early Career Award:** This award honors an outstanding young researcher in the field of polymer processing who received a Ph.D. degree (or equivalent) within 8 years at the time of nomination and aims to recognize and stimulate originality and potential for continuing creativity



in the science and technology of all polymer processing related areas. Complete nomination packages should be sent electronically by the nominator to **Prof. Uttandaraman (U.T.) Sundararaj** (email: ut@ucalgary.ca) by midnight GMT January 15, 2024. *Candidates need not be PPS members.*

(e) **Graduate Travel Award and Young Researcher Travel Award:** These awards encourage and financially assist young researchers working in polymer processing research programs to attend and present a paper at the Polymer Processing Society International Conference. Applications/nominations should be sent to **Prof. U. Sundararaj** (pps-award@ucalgary.ca) by December 31, 2023.

Members are encouraged to spread the news about these awards. More information on particulars of the nomination process can be obtained by accessing PPS website or by contacting respective award committee chairs.

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- (a) PPS2023, November 29-December 2, 2023, Trivandrum, India.
<https://pps2023india.com/>
- (b) PPS-39, May 19-23, 2024, Cartagena, Colombia. <https://pps39.uniandes.edu.co/>
- (c) PPS2024, September 30-October 3, 2024, University of A Coruña, Ferrol Campus, Spain.
<https://pps2024ferrol.com/>
- (d) PPS-40, April 27- May 1, 2025, Auckland, New Zealand.

Sincerely,

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