

MSA Metrologist Award

1. Motivation

The MSA Metrologist Award is to be awarded to a member of the Metrology Society of Australasia (MSA) and is intended to celebrate excellence in metrology. The recipient is nominated by fellow members of the MSA, and judged by a review panel appointed by the MSA Committee. The award is to be presented at each MSA Biennial Conference, i.e. it is not an annual award but instead spans conference intervals.

Nominees may be based anywhere in the world, as long as they are a member of the MSA. There are no fixed criteria for eligibility for nominations for the award. Nominations may be based on lifetime achievements and contributions to the field; or may also be based on a single specific, highly challenging project that demonstrated metrological excellence; or other achievement(s) deemed worthy of recognition.

2. Procedure

The MSA Committee shall announce a call for nominations for the MSA Metrologist Award in an MSA newsletter approximately six months out from a conference. Nominations will be open for approximately four months, and at least one reminder shall be issued in an MSA newsletter approximately one month out from the nomination deadline.

3. Nomination

Any member of the MSA is eligible to nominate themselves or any other member of the MSA as a candidate for the award. The nomination must be in the form outlined in **Nominations** below. The recipient must be aware of and be willing to accept the nomination, and be willing to have details of their nomination used for publicity and promotional purposes, such as an article published on the MSA website.

There is no prescribed format for the nomination but it should consist of at least the following information:

- **Mandatory:**
 - Name of the person submitting the nomination (the proposer) and, optionally, a seconder, both of whom must be members of the MSA.
 - Name and contact details of the person being nominated (the nominee).
 - Statement of why the person is being nominated, i.e. the nature of their “excellence” in metrology:
 - If the nomination is based on lifetime achievement, detail a summary of their experience and accomplishments;
 - If the nomination is based on a single achievement, detail the nature of the project, difficulties encountered and why it is important.
- **Desirable:**
 - Brief outline of the employment history of the nominee.

- Contact details of up to three referees who work with the nominee or have knowledge of the nominee's excellence in metrology.

There is no limit to the number of times that a person may be nominated, except that award recipients should not nominate for future awards (i.e. people should not receive the award multiple times).

The nomination should be concise and be a maximum of two written pages, plus additional pages with pictures supporting the nomination including a portrait image of the nominee. The nomination shall be submitted to the Secretary of the MSA prior to the nomination deadline by email to secretary@metrology.asn.au.

4. Review Panel

The review panel consists of members of the MSA and is appointed by the MSA Committee. The composition of the review panel, including the number of panel members, is at the discretion of the MSA Committee. In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, panel members should not have any close personal or working relationship with any of the candidates.

As there are a wide variety of fields and applications of metrology, there are no fixed criteria for judging the award. The review panel shall use their own criteria to make their selection, based on the nature of the nominations received, and may contact the proposer, the nominee, and referees for more details.

The decision made by the review panel is final.

5. Notification of Successful Candidate

When the review panel has completed their review, the chair of the review panel will contact the successful candidate to confirm that they are willing to receive the award. If the candidate is not willing to accept the award, then the next successful candidate will be awarded. Note that as required in **Nomination** above, the proposer must contact the person they are nominating and ensure that they are willing to accept the nomination.

6. Award Presentation

The award will consist of a trophy and certificate and will be presented during the MSA Biennial Conference. Ideally the successful candidate should be present to receive the award in person, but if this is not possible then either the award can be presented through a live online connection with the recipient or a proxy can receive the award in place of the recipient.

7. Questions

For questions about the award or process or whether a person would be eligible for nomination, please contact the MSA President on president@metrology.asn.au.