

Procedures and Rules for the Physical Crystallography Award

1. The Award will be made by the Committee of the Physical Crystallography Group of the BCA (also known as the Structural Condensed Matter Physics Group of the IoP).
2. The award will be made for what is, in the opinion of the committee, the best recently published work (say 2 or 3 papers) by a relatively young person in the field of Physical Crystallography. The recipient will be expected to give an oral presentation of his or her work, normally at the BCA Spring Meeting. This will normally be a condition of the Award and will only be waived in exceptional circumstances.
3. In addition to the prestige associated with receipt of the Award and the opportunity to deliver the Prize lecture, there will be a monetary sum associated with the Award, whose value will be set from time to time.
4. Nominations should be sent to the Chairman of the PCG, to be received not later than January 31 in the year that the prize is to be awarded, and should be accompanied by: a brief CV of the nominee; copies of the papers on which the nomination is based; and a supporting statement from the nominator, including comments on the part the nominee has played in any research work published jointly with others.
5. In the case that voting is equal, the Chairman will have a casting vote unless any of the tied nominees is from the Chairman's department in which case the Vice-Chair will have the casting vote. The voting will be conducted by the PCG Secretary.
6. Nominees should either be citizens of the UK, be resident and working in the UK, or have carried out the work on which the nomination is based while working in the UK.
7. The award will normally be made to a candidate of age 35 years or younger, except that allowance (up to around 7 years at the discretion of the Committee) should be made for a career break in which a candidate was not able to carry out research.
8. Members of the PCG Committee are not eligible for nomination.
9. Nominations of candidates from within the same Department as the nominator will not normally be valid, and will be considered only under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Committee.

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