



# Asia Pacific Society of Rheology

## Call for Nominations: The Opal Medal (2026)

The Asia Pacific Society of Rheology (APSR) is pleased to announce the Call for Nominations for the prestigious Opal Medal to be awarded in 2026. The APSR Opal Medal acknowledges APSR members who have made significant contributions to the field of rheology through their research. This prestigious award recognizes scientific achievement and aims to inspire further advancements from promising researchers. The recipient must be within 12 years of Full-Time Equivalent since PhD completion.

### Eligibility

All nominators and nominees must carefully refer to the official APSR Award Rules for complete eligibility requirements, criteria, and procedures. The fundamental criteria for the Opal Medal recognize an individual who is a member of APSR societies in good standing, has demonstrated outstanding research achievements in rheology, and shows creativity, originality, and impact in the work. For full and authoritative details regarding eligibility, criteria, and selection procedures, please consult the official rules document on the APSR official website (<http://rheology-apsr.org/>).

### Submission Requirements

Nominations must adhere strictly to the format and content requirements outlined in the official APSR Award Rules document (linked above). The nomination should consist of a single file collating the following.

1. A nomination letter of 3 pages or less.
2. A resume of the nominees of no more than 10 pages.
3. One additional supporting letter of 2 pages or less.

Please refer to the official rules document for the exact number, length, and content specifications for all required materials.

### Deadline and Submission

- Submission Deadline: **February 28, 2026**
- Submission Format: The complete nomination package must be compiled into a single PDF document.
- Submission Email: All nomination packages must be emailed to the Secretary of APSR: Yuichi Masubuchi, Nagoya University, JAPAN, [mas@mp.pse.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:mas@mp.pse.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

All nominations will be treated with the strictest confidence. The recipient of the 2026 Opal Medal will be announced and the award presented at the upcoming APCR conference.

We strongly encourage all members to consult the official rules and nominate a deserving colleague for this distinguished honor.

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