

ACS National Awards Program



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Launched in 1922 with the establishment of the prestigious Priestley Medal, the ACS National Awards Program has expanded over the past century to celebrate the myriad ways chemistry advances science and society. The program currently confers 63 awards, recognizing achievement in a wide range of subdisciplines throughout the chemistry enterprise and serving to advance the careers of chemists at various stages of their professional development.

Each year, the ACS honors these exceptional individuals at a celebratory event held during the ACS spring national meeting. Sponsor representatives participate in the award presentation before a distinguished audience that includes ACS executive leadership, members, and guests.

Award sponsors are also recognized on the ACS National Awards website and in select articles in ACS print and electronic media. Most notably, awards and their sponsors are announced in ACS's flagship newsmagazine, *Chemical & Engineering News*.

"As sponsor of the 'ACS Award in Surface Chemistry,' Procter & Gamble is proud to be a part of the ACS National Awards Program, which recognizes those outstanding scientists who advance the field of chemistry to new levels, inspire generations of talent, and open new innovation possibilities to improve the world."

Gerard Baillely

Senior R&D Vice President, Procter & Gamble

FAST FACTS

100 Years recognizing excellence in chemistry

63 Awards representing all branches of chemistry

24 Corporate supporters align their brand to celebrate the chemistry community's highest achievers

17 Nobel Prizes won by Priestley Medalists

37 Priestley Medalists are members of the National Academy of Sciences



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Annual and Multi-Year Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year, individuals and organizations sponsor numerous existing awards on an annual or multi-year basis, often aligning their interests with the scientific focus of a specific award and the prestige of its awardees.

Most awards include a cash prize of \$5,000 and a travel allowance of \$2,500 and require sponsorships in the amount of \$17,000 annually.

Endowment Opportunities

Over the years, numerous individuals and organizations have given generously to award endowments. Through an endowment gift, donors provide enduring support for awards of special significance to them and bring sustained attention to the award's scientific area of focus.

Gifts to existing endowed funds are welcome and can serve to boost the endowed award's prize level and/or increase the number of awardees conferred with the honor.

Awards that are currently sponsored on an annual or multi-year basis can also transition to endowed status with an endowment gift. For awards currently associated with a cash prize of \$5,000 and travel allowance of \$2,500, the threshold endowed gift amount is \$425,000.

Establishing a New Award

A new award may be added to the National Awards Program only if accompanied by an endowment gift. To establish an award with the minimum cash prize of \$5,000 and travel allowance of \$2,500, an endowed gift of \$425,000 is required.

Naming opportunities are available to endowment donors and are typically utilized to recognize the donor and/or a notable chemist, creating a legacy of recognition.

The establishment of any new award requires approval by the ACS Board of Directors which will consider the award's purpose, structure, and name.

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is a non-profit scientific organization with IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. Donations to ACS are tax-deductible in the manner and to the extent provided by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The Federal Tax ID for the ACS is 53-0196572.

"As a former presenter representing Pfizer for its sponsorship of the 'Elias J. Corey Award for Outstanding Original Contribution in Organic Synthesis by a Young Investigator', I've been honored to be part of the ACS National Awards Program that recognizes so many outstanding scientists."

Katherine Lee

Senior Director and Head of Strategy and Operations, Inflammation and Immunology Research Unit, Pfizer

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Current Award Sponsors

The ACS is honored to partner with the following organizations to recognize and celebrate the achievements of scientists throughout the chemistry community.

Sponsor	Award Name
ACS	Priestley Medal
ACS	James T. Grady - James H. Stack Award for Interpreting Chemistry for the Public
ACS	Charles Lathrop Parsons Award
ACS	Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society
ACS Corporation Associates	ACS Award for Creative Invention
ACS Corporation Associates	ACS Award for Team Innovation
ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry	ACS Award in Analytical Chemistry
ACS Division of Computers in Chemistry	ACS Award for Computers in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Research
ACS Division of Fluorine Chemistry	ACS Award for Creative Work in Fluorine Chemistry
ACS Division of Industrial & Engineering Chemistry	ACS Award in Industrial Chemistry
ACS Division of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology	Glenn T. Seaborg Award for Nuclear Chemistry
ACS Division of Physical Chemistry	ACS Award in Theoretical Chemistry
ACS Division of Physical Chemistry	E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy
Aerodyne Research and the ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry	ACS Award for Creative Advances in Environmental Science and Technology
Alpha Chi Sigma Fraternity and the Alpha Chi Sigma Educational Foundation	ACS Award in Pure Chemistry
Avantor	Nobel Laureate Signature Award for Graduate Education in Chemistry
Colgate-Palmolive Company	ACS Award in Colloid Chemistry
Dow	Earle B. Barnes Award for Leadership in Chemical Research Management
Dow	Frederic Stanley Kipping Award in Silicon Chemistry
Dow	ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry
The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.	ACS Award for Encouraging Underrepresented and Economically Disadvantaged Students into Careers in the Chemical Sciences
The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.	ACS Award for Encouraging Women into Careers in the Chemical Sciences
DuPont	ACS Award in the Chemistry of Materials

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Eastman Chemical Company	ACS Award in Applied Polymer Science
ExxonMobil Chemical Company	ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry
ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company	E. V. Murphree Award in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry
Gilead Sciences Inc.	Alfred Burger Award in Medicinal Chemistry
Givaudan Flavors Corporation	Ernest Guenther Award in the Chemistry of Natural Products
<i>The Journal of Chemical Physics</i> and the ACS Division of Physical Chemistry	Irving Langmuir Award in Chemical Physics
Merck Research Laboratories	E. B. Hershberg Award for Important Discoveries in Medicinally Active Substances
Merck Research Laboratories	Ralph F. Hirschmann Award in Peptide Chemistry
MilliporeSigma (a business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany)	ACS Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry
MilliporeSigma (a business of Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany)	ACS Award in Inorganic Chemistry
MilliporeSigma	ACS Award in Chromatography
Organic Reactions, Inc. and Organic Syntheses, Inc.	Roger Adams Award in Organic Chemistry
Phi Lambda Upsilon	National Fresenius Award
The Procter & Gamble Company	ACS Award in Surface Chemistry
Research Corporation for Science Advancement	ACS Award for Research at an Undergraduate Institution
Strem Chemicals, part of Ascensus Specialties	ACS Award for Distinguished Service in the Advancement of Inorganic Chemistry
Waters Corporation	Frank H. Field and Joe L. Franklin Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mass Spectrometry

Endowment Donors

The ACS is grateful to the following endowment donors whose generosity will bring recognition and prestige to generations of outstanding chemists.

Endowment Donor	Endowed Award Name
ACS Division of Energy and Fuels	Henry H. Storch Award in Energy Chemistry
ACS Division of Physical Chemistry and friends and colleagues of E. Bright Wilson	E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy
ACS Exams Institute	ACS Award for Achievement in Research for the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry
ACS Northeastern Section	James Flack Norris Award in Physical Organic Chemistry
Alfred R. Bader	Alfred Bader Award in Bioinorganic or Bioorganic Chemistry
Ronald Breslow, friends and colleagues of	Ronald Breslow Award for Achievement in Biomimetic Chemistry
Arthur C. Cope	Arthur C. Cope Award
Arthur C. Cope	Arthur C. Cope Scholars Awards
F. Albert Cotton	F. Albert Cotton Award in Synthetic Inorganic Chemistry
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Kathryn C. Hach	Kathryn C. Hach Award for Entrepreneurial Success
M. Frederick Hawthorne, UCLA and friends and colleagues of	M. Frederick Hawthorne Award in Main Group Inorganic Chemistry
Vladimir N. and Barbara Ipatieff	Ipatieff Prize
<i>The Journal of Chemical Education</i> and ChemEd X	James Bryant Conant Award in High School Chemistry Teaching
Josef Michl	Josef Michl ACS Award in Photochemistry
Koji Nakanishi, friends and colleagues of	Nakanishi Prize
Newport Corporation	Ahmed Zewail Award in Ultrafast Science and Technology
Pfizer, Inc.	Elias J. Corey Award for Outstanding Original Contribution in Organic Synthesis by a Young Investigator
Purdue Borane Research Fund and others	Herbert C. Brown Award for Creative Research in Synthetic Methods
Rohm and Haas	ACS Award for Affordable Green Chemistry
Morris S. Smith Foundation and the Dow Chemical Company	George A. Olah Award in Hydrocarbon or Petroleum Chemistry
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