



Call for Nominations for the AONSA Science Award 2027



The Asia-Oceania Neutron Scattering Association (AONSA) is inviting nominations for the 2nd AONSA Science Award to recognize an outstanding researcher in the middle of their career (8 to 20 years after PhD) to recognize their outstanding scientific achievement (including instrumentation) that has a significant impact or contribution to the neutron science community in the Asia-Oceania Region. Established in 2022, the AONSA Science Award is awarded once every two years from 2025.

Anyone may submit one nomination or a seconding letter for the AONSA Science Award by September 11, 2026, following the rules as described below. Please send nominations electronically in PDF file to the Chair of the AONSA Prize Selection Committee (jaehc@korea.ac.kr). The Prize winner(s) for 2027 will be announced in November 2026. The Prize Ceremony and the delivery of the Prize Lecture will take place during the AOCNS 2027, which is scheduled to be held on November 24th – 28th, 2027, in Mumbai, India.

Selection Committee of the AONSA Science Award 2027: Anna Paradowska (ANBUG), Tong Xin (CNSS), Naoya Torikai (JSNS), Jae-Ho Chung (Chair, KNCBUA), Mala N. Rao (NSSI), Ya-Sen Sun (TWNSS)

AONSA Science Award

<https://www.aonsa.org/aonsa-activities/aonsa-science-award/>

The Asia-Oceania Neutron Scattering Association (AONSA) awards the AONSA Science Award (AONSA SA) every two years to a person in the middle of their career (8 to 20 years after PhD) to recognize their outstanding scientific achievement (including instrumentation) that has a significant impact or contribution to the neutron science community in the Asia-Oceania Region.

1. Rules

- a. The Award shall ordinarily be awarded to one person but may be shared by no more than three when all the recipients have equally significant scientific achievements. A recipient shall receive the AONSA SA only once.
- b. The AONSA SA consists of a certificate citing the contributions made by the recipient and a Medal.

2. Nomination and Eligibility

- a. Nomination shall be opened to anyone in the Asia-Oceania region who is within 8-20 years of receiving their PhD degree or equivalent (on the day of application deadline) with the exemption for career interruptions*.

- b. Anyone, excluding members of the AONSA Science Award Selection Committee (SC), may submit one nomination or a seconding letter for the AONSA SA.
- c. A nomination should include:
 - A letter of not more than 5,000 characters evaluating the nominee's qualification for the AONSA SA and identifying the specific work to be recognized.
 - A brief curriculum vitae (up to 5 pages)
 - Full list of publications and a short list of major publications (highlighting top 10 with a short statement of less than 150 words, describing the significance of the work by the nominee)
 - Up to 10 reprints/preprints or links to publications
 - At least two, but not more than four letters of support
- d. Nomination should be electronically submitted to Chair of the SC by the deadline issued by the SC.
- e. Nomination shall be active through only one review cycle.
- f. It is strongly encouraged that nominations of candidates shall be made from diverse backgrounds, including those from diverse geographic, religious and gender backgrounds.
- * The career interruptions may include relocation, medical condition, parental leave and so on. The date of receiving a PhD degree or equivalent and the list of the interruption should be clearly stated at the end of the letter of nomination.

3. Selection Committee

- a. The AONSA Prize selection committee (SC), chaired by the AONSA Vice President, will also serve for the AONSA SA selection.
- b. The SC shall be independent of the EC. Nominations shall be treated in confidence within the SC.
- c. The SC members shall represent a broad range of member societies (not observers) and fields of neutron science and technology. Regional and gender balance shall be taken into account for the selection of the AONSA SA. The Chair of the SC may co-opt a person or persons from member societies or from observer country/region when none of six members can cover research field(s) for reviewing nominations submitted. Co-opted member(s) shall be approved by the EC. Co-opt member(s) shall work for the AONSA Science Award.
- d. The SC members shall be posted on the home page of AONSA when the SC issues the call for nominations. The co-opted member(s) shall also be posted.
- e. The SC shall submit the name of the recipient with a report of the nomination process to the EC prior to five months to Prize and Award Ceremony at the

quadrennial Asia-Oceania Conference on Neutron Scattering (AOCNS) or the quadrennial International Conference on Neutron Scattering (ICNS), both held in an interval of two years.

f. The SC shall carry out AONSA SA Ceremony at AOCNS or ICNS.

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