

ELSEVIER MATERIALS TODAY INNOVATION PROMOTIONS AWARD 2024

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Eligibility: The ELSEVIER MATERIALS TODAY INNOVATION PROMOTIONS AWARD 2024 (“Promotion”) is open to all individuals who (i) are research scholars in the field of materials science; (ii) have attended the age of majority at the time of entry as per their country law; (iii) demonstrated to be exceptional researchers through their impact to society, as measured through publications, patents, discoveries, inventions and/or commercialized products (each such individual a “Nominee”); (iv) have filled in the form correctly and submitted within the assigned timeline from any country worldwide (excluding Italy, Brazil, Quebec Canada, Cuba, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Sudan, Russia). Employees of Sponsor and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated companies and agents, and their immediate families of those living in the same household, are not eligible to enter. Government officials bear the burden of self-determining their eligibility to participate in the promotion and/or receive a prize, based on any restrictions placed on them by applicable laws or institution regulation, examples of government officials, include, but are not limited to the following: local tax authorities, customs officials, ministry of education employees, employees of government owned and operated enterprises, such as schools, libraries and medical facilities, political party officials and candidates for political office, and generally can include an employee or official of (1) a commercial entity in which a government body has an ownership interest or exerts control over such an entity; or (2) public international organizations such as the United Nations of the World Bank, etc.). Nominees may be subject to rules imposed by their institution or employer relative to their participation in trade promotions and should check with their institution or employer for any relevant policies. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations. Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by. Nominees may be subject to rules imposed by their institution or employer relative to their participation in trade promotions and should check with their institution or employer for any relevant policies. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations. Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

How To Enter: To enter, please register your details on this registration form located at (<https://forms.office.com/r/W6sz2Yc6CQ>), and a) agree to the Official Rules; b) complete the official nomination form; c) answer the questions posted on the website, as to why the Nominee fits the definition (“Contest Entry”) and d) submit as directed. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59:59 PM GMT on September 30, 2024, to be eligible. Self-nominations are welcome. Limit of one (1) contest entry per nominee or email address for the Contest Period. In the event more than one (1) contest entry is received from any one person or email address on behalf of the same nominee, the first Contest Entry processed will be considered the only valid Contest Entry received for such nominee. Nominations from the previous four (4) years will be automatically considered. Any entrant who attempts to participate in multiple e-mail and/or multiple identities or uses any device or artifice to obtain more than one entry may be disqualified. In the event of a dispute in connection with the identity of the individual who submitted a response, the entry will be deemed to have been submitted by the authorized account holder of the e-mail account identified on the response. The authorized account holder is deemed to be the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, service provider, or other online organization that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. If an eligible individual cannot be determined and verified in the manner described above, the entry will be disqualified as null and void.

All entries become the sole property of Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned.

Promotion Period: Entrants may participate in the Promotion at 12:01:01 AM GMT on July 1, 2024 and ends at 11:59:59 PM GMT on September 30, 2024 (“Promotion Period”). Sponsor's server shall serve as the official clock for this Promotion.

Judging and Evaluations of Winners:

Up to ten (10) winners will be chosen by the editors from all eligible nominees on or about 31 October 2024. The potential winners will need to complete and return, in his/her official capacity, an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release and, unless prohibited by law, a Publicity Release (“Affidavit”) within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the notice from the Sponsor. Failure to timely execute and return the required documents or the return of any notification as undeliverable may cause the prize award to be forfeited, at Sponsor’s sole discretion, and another winner will be selected. Odds of selection depend upon the number of qualified Contest Entries received.

The editors of the Materials Today branded journals (collectively the “Editors”) will review all Contest Entries submitted during the Contest Period and will select potential top Nominees by applying the following judging criteria: Nominees who have contributed “monumental” work to the field, which has opened a new, significant field of research and resulted in practical applications - as such the criteria to be assessed will include the impact of the research the candidate has conducted and the contributions the candidate has made to the materials community, including but not limited to the candidates published research, as evaluated by the Editors. Decisions of the Editors and will be final and binding in all respects. This is a contest of skill where a Nominee’s odds of winning depend on how well their Entry compares with others submitted to the Contest pursuant to the judging criteria. The Sponsor, as determined through sole discretion of its Editors, reserves the right to not select a winner if it determines that the Entries do not meet, or may not meet, these judging criteria.

All winners are subject to proving eligibility to receive a prize.

Prizes:

Six (6) winners will receive an honorarium of \$1000 (USD) each.

Odds of selection depend upon the number of eligible entries received. Upon certification by Sponsor as an eligible participant, each winner will receive the prize. No assignment, substitution or transfer of prizes permitted, except by Sponsor due to prize unavailability at time of award. All other expenses associated with use of the prize, including, but not limited to local, state, or federal taxes on the prize, are the sole responsibility of the winner. Entry in this Promotion constitutes each entrant's agreement to pay all applicable taxes and duties and comply with all laws.

Selection will be made by Sponsor, whose decisions will be final and binding in all respects. All winners are subject to proving eligibility in order to receive prize.

Winner Notification and Acceptance: Potential winners will be notified by email on or about October 31, 2024. Sponsor is not responsible for any lost, late, or misdirected notification email. If Sponsor is unable to contact a potential winner, or if any potential winner fails to respond to the prize notification within fourteen (14) days of issuance of notification, or if a potential winner fails to comply with any of the requirements, an alternate winner shall be selected through another random drawing conducted by Sponsor. A winner may waive the right to receive the prize. The prize is non-assignable and non-transferable. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. Winners are solely responsible for reporting and payment of any federal, state and local taxes associated with the prize. Winners will be asked to execute and return to Sponsor an affidavit of eligibility and a liability release (except where prohibited by law) within fourteen (14) days of notification. At the sole discretion of the Sponsor, each prize will be awarded via e-mail to the name

and e-mail address provided in the entry form within 6 to 8 weeks following. Non-compliance within that time period or failure to comply with any term or condition of these Official Rules may, at the sole discretion of Sponsor, result in a winner's disqualification and the selection of an alternate winner. Return of prize notification email as undeliverable will result in disqualification and an alternate winner will be selected. The decisions of Sponsor are final and binding in all respects.

RIGHT TO USE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN WINNING ENTRIES: Winners' first names and country of residence, may be featured on the Promotion Website. By accepting the prize, each winner acknowledges compliance with these Official Rules and agrees to permit Sponsor to use their first name and country of residence. Rights granted by winners are for advertising, publicity and promotional purposes, are in perpetuity and in any medium Sponsor sees fit, including, but not limited to, website, television, radio, or printed materials

Consent to Use of Personal Information: None of the entries submitted by participants will be treated as confidential. As such, entrants should not submit proprietary information. Entrants further agree that personally identifiable information may be processed, stored, and otherwise used for the purposes of the Promotion, including, but not limited to, checking participant's identity, email address, and institutional affiliation, or to otherwise verify eligibility to participate. The personal data submitted through Sponsor's platform is subject to its privacy policy at <http://www.relx.com/site-services/privacy>.

Limitation of Liability/Reservation of Rights: Neither Sponsor, its parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies, nor its advertising or promotional agencies shall have any obligation, liability or responsibility for (1) telephone, electronic, hardware, software, network, Internet, or computer malfunctions, failures, or difficulties of any kind; (2) any condition caused by events beyond the control of Sponsor that may cause the Promotion to be disrupted; (3) any printing or typographical errors in these Official Rules or any other materials associated with the Promotion; (4) entries that contain incorrect or inaccurate information or do not comply with these Official Rules; or (5) entries, prize claims or notifications that are lost, late, incomplete, illegible, unintelligible, damaged or otherwise not received by the intended recipient, in whole or in part. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any entry of any person tampering with or abusing the entry process, conduct of the Promotion or otherwise violating these Official Rules. Sponsor further reserves the right to cancel, terminate or modify the Promotion if it cannot be completed as planned because of tampering, unauthorized intervention or technical failures of any sort.

RELEASE: BY ENTERING THE PROMOTION, ENTRANTS RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS SPONSOR AND ITS PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES, AND EACH OF THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, VENDORS, PARTNERS AND AGENTS, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER, AND WAIVE ANY AND ALL CAUSES OF ACTION, FOR OR RELATED TO ANY CLAIMS, COSTS, INJURIES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, OR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, RIGHTS OF PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY, DEFAMATION OR PORTRAYAL IN A FALSE LIGHT) ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR THE ACCEPTANCE, POSSESSION, OR USE OF THE PRIZE, WHETHER UNDER A THEORY OF CONTRACT, WARRANTY, TORT (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER ACTIVE, PASSIVE, OR IMPUTED), STRICT LIABILITY, PRODUCT LIABILITY, CONTRIBUTION, OR ANY OTHER THEORY, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Construction: The construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of UK, without giving effect to its conflicts of law principles.

Winners List: The name of the winners will be available on our official website from October 31st till December 31, 2024. You can send your queries or requests to materialstoday@elsevier.com.