

ANNOUNCEMENT & COMPETITION RULES

ANNUAL PhD THESIS AWARD COMPETITION

A £1,000 cash prize to be presented by The Royal Society of Chemistry Energy Sector for the best PhD thesis awarded annually in the field of Chemistry for the Energy Sector

Submission deadline for the 2023 prize is 1st September 2024

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must:

- Have been examined and notified of award of PhD from a recognised UK or Republic of Ireland University in the previous academic year.
- Submit a summary of their PhD Thesis (1000 words max) to The Secretary of the RSC Energy Sector by the competition deadline, highlighting the relevance and impact of the work to the Energy Sector and the RSC's commitment to tackling global challenges.
- **OR**

ELIGIBILITY

This is an annual award, open to all candidates that have been awarded (but not necessarily graduated) a PhD from a UK or Republic of Ireland University within the previous calendar year. Their PhD thesis should be original work predominantly in the field of chemistry that must have application in the Energy Sector.

ADJUDICATION

The RSC Energy Sector Executive Committee decides the winner based on a recommendation by the Annual PhD Award Sub-Committee and the decision cannot be challenged.

AWARD

The award winner will be notified on by December 2024. The winner may be asked participate in advertisement of the award on social media and be invited to make a presentation at a suitable RSC event.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Candidates must have been examined and notified of award of PhD (but not necessarily graduated) from a recognised UK or Republic of Ireland University in the previous academic year.
2. The candidate's PhD thesis should be original work predominantly in the field of chemistry that must have application in the Energy Sector.
3. Candidates must submit an application via email to The Secretary of the RSC Energy Sector by the deadline of the competition (1st September 2024). The application must contain:
 - 3.1 - A pro forma application; available from the RSC Energy Sector group web page www.rsc.org/energysector
 - 3.2 - Executive Summary of their PhD thesis highlighting the relevance of the work to the Energy Sector and the RSC's commitment to *tackling global challenges*¹ of approximately 1,000 words. If requested, short-listed candidates may be required to submit an electronic copy² of their PhD thesis. The Executive Summary should make clear how their thesis contributes to a genuine need of the Energy Sector and explain the environmental, economic and social benefits of the work. Candidates should note that the content of their Executive Summary will be the primary source of the judges' consideration. The Executive Summary is not the abstract of the thesis. It is a document for the scientifically literate non-specialist.
 - 3.3 - A letter from their main PhD supervisor recommending the candidate for consideration for this award and confirming that the candidate meets the criteria for eligibility for the competition.

ADJUDICATION

The purpose of the annual award is to spotlight PhD research in the energy sector in the UK and