



## THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE

### THE SASOL POSTGRADUATE MEDAL

The medal shall be awarded to student members of the Institute **engaged in, or who have recently completed research towards a MSc or PhD degree** in a School/Department of Chemistry at a South African University, **or a MTech or DTech degree** in a School/Department of Chemistry at a South African University of Technology. Student members who have recently completed their studies must have only graduated in the period June 2024 to May 2025.

The medals shall be known as the **Sasol Postgraduate Medal of the South African Chemical Institute**. The medal is struck in silver and bears the Institute's name and crest on the obverse, and the name of the medal, together with the name of the recipient and the date on the reverse. The number of medals shall not exceed five per annum, and the medals are limited to one per institution. The recipients of the medals shall be known as The Sasol Postgraduate Medalists. The medal shall be accompanied by a suitably inscribed scroll.

The persons nominated should be considered as being “young innovative chemists”.

The characteristics of such a person are:

- Innovation
- Independence
- Enterprise

The selection criteria applicable to the award are:

1. Has the candidate done something worthy of admiration in the experimental field (e.g. a new, noteworthy, experimental design)?
2. Has the candidate communicated the experimental results in any useful way (in printed form, or at conferences or symposia)?
3. Does the candidate have a broad appreciation of the role and context of chemistry as a science?
4. Does the candidate play a productive role in his/her chemistry department?

The person submitting the nomination must be suitable to assess the impact the nominee has made in his/her department. Hence, a combined process of peer and supervisor review should inform the selection of the candidate. In addition to the backing of the supervisor, the candidate shall require the support of at least one other member of staff of the Department. The candidate must also enjoy the support of a number of fellow postgraduate research students. The endorsements should mention how the candidate reflects the qualities enumerated in the list above. Final endorsement resides with the Head of Department.

Past SACI/Sasol Postgraduate Awardees are not eligible for nomination for a second award.

The Council may, at its discretion, suspend the award in any year in which there are no suitable candidates.



## **PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION**

The merits of the work of a candidate may be brought to the notice of the Council by persons who desire to recommend candidates (nominations). **All the support for a candidate must be submitted in writing.**

Only one nomination per institution will be accepted and must be signed by the HOD.

### **Nomination requirements:**

Nominations should include the listed documents in the following order:

- (1) The completed Sasol Postgraduate Nomination Form 2025 signed by the Head of Department;
- (2) a curriculum vitae of the candidate/applicant,
- (3) a list of publications,
- (4) a clear and well-drafted motivation/statement on the professional achievements of the candidate and how the candidate meets the criteria enumerated above,
- (5) support letter from another departmental staff member or the supervisor if the supervisor is not the nominator,
- (6) support letters from postgraduate peers, and
- (7) a citation (max. 100 words) for possible use at the presentation ceremony.

The above documents should be merged into ONE PDF, which **should be named as: SURNAME\_INITIALS\_PGMEDAL2025.pdf**

Nominations should be received by the Institute no later than **31 May 2025**.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION(S)!**



## SASOL POSTGRADUATE MEDAL 2025 NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be submitted to: The Secretary, The South African Chemical Institute,  
E-mail: [saci.chem@wits.ac.za](mailto:saci.chem@wits.ac.za), **NOT LATER THAN 31 May 2025.**

**Nominators must consult the list of application requirements.**

**Only one nomination per institution will be accepted and must be authorised by the HOD.**

Candidate's Surname: ..... Title (Prof, Dr, etc.) .....

Forenames: ..... SACI Membership No.: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Nationality: .....

Affiliation (Company, University, etc.): .....

Address: .....

E-mail/Telephone No.: .....

Please supply the names and e-mail addresses of the supervisor, a staff member, and two fellow postgraduate students with knowledge of the candidate's work to whom the Institute can make reference:

1) ..... 2) .....

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**Authorised and submitted by HOD:**

Title, name and surname: .....

Institution:.....

Signature: .....

E-mail/Telephone No.: .....