



Energy Materials and Systems Division (EMSD)

## **EMSD - Outstanding Student Researcher Award Application Instructions**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Description**

The Outstanding Student Researcher (OSR) award recognizes exemplary student research related to the mission of the EMSD.

#### **The Bounty**

Annually awarded to one student. The awardee is invited to present the OSR lecture at EMSD symposium at the annual meeting at MS&T. The awardee will also receive a recognition plaque and travel support up to \$1,000.

#### **Important Dates**

Applications will be accepted until August 1 in the year for which the student is applying. The awardee will be notified by August 24.

#### **Contact**

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### **ELIGIBILITY**

The award is open to U.S. and international graduate and undergraduate students actively engaged in research related to the Energy Materials and Systems Division (EMSD) of The American Ceramic Society (ACerS). Specifically, an applicant must have submitted an abstract to the annual conference in the year for which the applicant is applying. **For 2026, the conference is MS&T.** Accepted symposia are those organized and co-sponsored by the EMSD. Members of the EMSD who have submitted abstracts to other symposia may also apply.

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Application cover sheet
- CV and track record
- Personal statement
- Nomination letter

Application materials should be merged into a single PDF file and submitted via the OSR Award's webpage at <https://ceramics.org/award/outstanding-student-researcher-award-energy-materials-and-systems-division/>.



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## **DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION MATERIALS**

### **Application cover sheet**

The cover sheet must include the following information:

- Title of the thesis or research project
- Applicant's name and email address
- University/affiliation
- Advisor/supervisor's name and email address

### **CV and track record**

- The CV can be a free-form document.
- The track record may include publications, patents, press releases, public engagements and other research outputs where applicable.

### **Personal statement**

The personal statement can be a free-form document but must describe the research works in a **Layman style**. The excellence of the work and its impact at a general scientific and societal level should be described. Motivation, state of the art, significant data, discussion and conclusion should be briefly included. The significance of the work to EMSD's interest and mission should also be addressed.

### **Nomination letter**

The nomination letter should be supplied by a professor, senior scientist or the nominee's supervisor who is well familiar with the nominee's works. The letter can be a free-form document in which the main purpose is to stress the excellence of the nominee's works.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW**

A panel of EMSD members will review and score applications based on the following criteria:

- Excellence of the work;
- Impact of the work;
- Significance of the work to EMSD.