

Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry  
American Chemical Society  
**THE 2026 UNILEVER AWARD**  
for

**Outstanding Young Investigator in Colloid & Surfactant Science**  
**\$3,000 PRIZE**

The Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry of the American Chemical Society invites nominations for the Unilever Award for Outstanding Young Investigator in Colloid & Surfactant Science. This annual award is to be presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium to be held from June 21-24, 2026, at the University of Delaware.

**Purpose:** To recognize and encourage fundamental work in colloid and/or surfactant science carried out in North America by researchers in the early stages of their careers.

**Nature:** The award consists of \$3,000 check and a plaque. In addition, up to \$2000 will be provided towards travel expenses to the meeting at which the award will be presented. The winner is expected to deliver a lecture at the ACS Colloid and Surface Science Symposium.

**Establishment and Support:** The award was established in 2003 by the Unilever Corporation.

**Rules of Eligibility:** Nominees who are within seven (7) years since receiving their Ph.D. will be eligible for the Award. The cut-off date for eligibility this year will be July 1, 2019. Special consideration is given to the originality and creativity of the work and to its potential impact. The research must have been carried out in North America.

**Nomination:** Nomination may be made by a colleague or anyone familiar with the nominee's work. The nomination packet should be sent electronically by email, preferably in a single PDF file, containing the nomination letter, three letters of support from others in addition to the nomination letter, the nominee's curriculum vita with a complete list of publications, and reprints of up to five papers, which demonstrate the nominee's excellence in publication of his or her research work. The nomination letter should contain a carefully edited 25-word citation, which reflects the nominee's specific achievements. Previous years' nominations will be automatically renewed up to the cut-off date for eligibility, but you are encouraged to submit relevant updated material.

**Criteria:** The judges will consider originality, quality, and significance of the work and its potential impact on current and future research as well as on industrial and commercial applications. Unilever is committed to ending animal testing globally. Any specific research and accomplishments that involve animal experiments must therefore be excluded from the nomination package. This includes experiments on non-human vertebrates or cephalopods, or experiments involving the use of these animals for the production of tissues, cells or reagents. Experimental work involving commercial cell lines or animal-derived products are not excluded. Nominating letters should contain the following statement to positively affirm that this condition is satisfied: "I affirm that the research for which [the nominee] is nominated does not involve animal testing, as specified in the call for nominations."

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**DEADLINE: The nomination material must be received by**  
**Saturday, January 31, 2026**