Call for Nominations
2026 Colloid and Surface Technology Award

The award was established in 2020 by the ACS Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry.

Nomination deadline: January 31, 2026

Purpose: To recognize and encourage ***applied and translational work*** in colloid and surface science by individuals or small teams of researchers (typically 2-4) in industry, government laboratories or academia.

Each winner will receive:

- An award plaque
- An honorarium of US $3,000
- Up to US $1,000 in travel and accommodations funding to attend and present at ACS Fall 2026

Rules of eligibility: Researchers in industry, government laboratories or academia are eligible to apply. Special consideration is given to the originality and creativity of the research leading to the process or product developed and to its impact on society.

Nomination: Nomination may be made by a colleague or anyone familiar with the nominee's work. The nomination packet should be sent by email, as a single PDF file, to leckband@illinois.edu. **Please include "Technology Award Nomination" in the subject line.** The single PDF file should contain the nomination letter, two letters of support from others (with preferably at least one letter from an industry or government laboratory researcher) in addition to the nomination letter, the curriculum vita of each team member, and a list of five supporting documents (e.g., patents, publications, press releases, description of founder role in new company, description of a new product or technology, website URL) that demonstrate societal impact of the relevant colloid and surface technology advance. The nomination letter should contain a carefully edited 25-word citation, which reflects the technological advance. Previous years' nominations will be automatically renewed for two additional years, but you are encouraged to submit relevant updated material. Self-nominations are discouraged.

Criteria: The judges will consider the innovative nature of the technology (process or product), and the extent of demonstrated societal impact.