

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

“Early Career Award in Materials Modeling”

Description

The International Society of Materials Modeling (ISMM) Early Career Award in Materials Modeling recognizes and honors a promising early-career researcher whose work has already made a significant impact in the field of materials modeling. The award highlights outstanding contributions from emerging leaders in the field, including fundamental research and/or industrial implementations, development of modeling strategies and computational tools, interdisciplinary impact, and notable contributions that strengthen the impact of materials modeling.

Eligibility

The award recognizes an individual who is at least four years, but no more than ten years, from the receipt of their doctoral degree in the year of nomination. Exceptions may be made for career interruptions associated with family responsibilities, caregiving, military service, medical leave, or other significant circumstances.

The nominee should be active in the field of materials modeling at the time of nomination. Current members of the ISMM Board of Directors are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Procedures

Nominator Eligibility

The nominator must be a researcher who meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Has attended at least two of the previous five MMM conferences.

Current members of the ISMM Board of Directors are not eligible to submit nominations or supporting letters.

Additional Details

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Nomination Package

The nomination package must include:

- A proposed citation of 25 words or fewer highlighting the major contributions of the nominee.
- A nomination letter from the nominator, no more than two pages in length, describing the nominee’s major contributions to materials modeling, including research achievements, development of modeling methods or tools, leadership, mentoring, service, community-building, and contributions to ISMM/MMM, as applicable.
- The nominee’s curriculum vitae, no more than five pages in length.
- Up to three additional supporting letters from individuals familiar with the nominee’s research contributions, professional achievements, leadership, mentoring, service, or broader community contributions. Each supporting letter should be no more than two pages.
- All documents should be submitted by the nominator as a single PDF file by email with the subject line “ISMM Early Career Award” to jelawady@jhu.edu.

Deadline

The nomination deadline is August 15th, 2026.

Submission Instructions

Nomination packages should be submitted by the nominator as a single PDF file by email to:

Prof. Jaafar El-Awady
ISMM Board President
jelawady@jhu.edu

Evaluation

The Executive Committee of ISMM will screen all nomination packages for eligibility and completeness. Eligible nominations will then be submitted to the ISMM Board of Directors for evaluation.

The ISMM Board of Directors will evaluate the eligible nominations and vote to select the award recipient. Any Board member with a conflict of interest related to a nomination must disclose the conflict and recuse themselves from discussion and voting on that nomination.

Recognition

The recipient will receive an engraved plaque, a \$1,500 award, economy-class travel to the International Conference on Multiscale Materials Modeling (MMM) at which the award is presented, accommodation during the conference, and complimentary conference registration.

The recipient must accept the award in person at the [MMM12](#) Conference Banquet on Wednesday, November 12, 2026.