Agilent Award for Innovation in Analytical Science

*Recognising technologies and innovations in the area of analytical science pertaining to measurement of emerging and known contaminants*





**Purpose of the Award**

The Agilent–crcCARE Award for Innovation in Analytical Sciences recognises the best research paper presenting a reliable analytical, rapid and easy-to-use method for the analysis of a challenging analyte – be it an emergent or conventional contaminant.

If you have developed, improved or modified an analytical method such that it resolves the noise in the existing methods, saves cost, is fast and easy to interpret, has features that improve the users’ life or work, and is stable and reliable, submit your nomination for your chance to win this Award.

**Eligibility**

All early-career\* researchers and technical officers working to develop analytical methods are invited to apply. This includes individuals working at universities, research centres and institutes, commercial and non-commercial laboratories, and government and private organisations.

*\*Current students (honours, masters and PhD) or researchers who have completed PhD within the last 5 years.*

**Notes**

* Nominees may submit a maximum of two (2) entries.
* The nominee should own any Intellectual Property (IP) associated with the nomination.
* Nominations should be protected by appropriate patents, registered designs, plant breeders’ rights, or trademarks.
* Evidence may be required to prove the entry has been formally declared a completed and viable product, or that the product is in a significant trial implementation.
* Self nominations are permitted.

**Criteria for assessment**

The assessment panel will consider the following criteria to assess the analytical methods:

* Originality
* Impact
* Innovation.

**Prizes**

* Winner: $2,000
* Runner-up: $1,000

**Submitting your nomination**

Please ensure that your nomination addresses the criteria for assessment and includes any supporting evidence. Nominations should be sent to [ratin.mathur@crccare.com](mailto:Ratin.Mathur@crccare.com) by close of business **Monday 26th August 2024**.

**Nomination form and details**

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| **Nominee (individual or organisation):** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Additional supporter details (to be completed for all nominations)**  Please provide contact details for two supporters for your nomination who may be contacted by the Judging Panel. | |
| **Supporter #1:** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Position title:** |  |
| **Organisation:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
| **Mobile:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
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| **Supporter #2:** | |
| **Full name:** |  |
| **Position title:** |  |
| **Organisation:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  |
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| **Citation of published paper(s) relating to the analytical method** |  |
| **Have you been granted or applied for a patent, or registration of a trademark or design?** | **Yes / No** |
| **Provisional application?** | **Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Complete application?** | **Standard:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Innovation:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Granted patent?** | **Standard:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Innovation:  Yes / No**  **Number:** |
| **Please give any other details (e.g. PCT application):** |  |
| **Trademark:** |  |
| **Design:** |  |

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| **Name of your analytical method:** |  |
| **Website (if applicable):** |  |
| **What does your analytical method do?** |  |
| **What problem does your analytical method solve?** |  |
| **What stage of development is your analytical method at?** |  |

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| **Please provide below one paragraph about yourself and the inspiration for your analytical method (*200 words maximum*).** |
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| **Criteria** | **Description** |
| **Please provide a succinct statement (*maximum 400 words per section*), using words that a person with no scientific expertise could readily understand, which provides an overview of the product in relation to each of the following criteria:** | |
| **Originality** |  |
| **Impact** |  |
| **Innovation** |  |

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| **Nominee endorsement (to be completed for all nominations)** | |
| **I have read and understood the terms and conditions of entry for this award, and agree to abide by them. I accept that the judges’ decision is final. I have completed the nomination form addressing all key criteria upon which the Award winner will be judged and chosen. I certify that the information I have supplied is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.** | |
| **Name:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

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| **Office Use Only information** | |
| **Date received:** |  |
| **Date notified:** |  |
| **Final decision:** |  |
| **Final notification:** |  |

**Terms and conditions**

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, the following definitions are set out:

* The *Award* refers to Agilent Award for Innovation in Analytical Science.
* *Recipient* refers to the winner of the Award.
* *Organiser* refers to the crc for Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment (crcCARE).
* *Judges* refers to those people who are selected by crcCARE to determine the recipient of the award.
* The *Judges* form a *Judging Panel*.
* *You* and *Your* refers to the person submitting the nomination on behalf of the individual or organisation.
* *Nominee* refers to the individual or organisation nominated for the Award.
* *Sponsors* refers to the sponsors of the Agilent Award.

1. **The Terms and Conditions**

* The Terms and Conditions are binding on all nominees, finalists and winners of the Agilent Award.
* The Organiser of the Award will take reasonable measures to ensure that other third parties such as suppliers and contractors and Judges comply with these Terms and Conditions.
* Instructions on how to enter and the Award criteria form part of these Terms and Conditions.

1. **Agreement to the rules**  
   By submitting a nomination form, you warrant to crcCARE that You:

* have the full power and lawful authority to submit a nomination form on behalf of the Nominee,
* have to the best of your knowledge and belief provided information that is true and correct
* agree to indemnify the Organiser if it suffers loss as a result of a breach of one or more of these warranties.

The Organiser reserves the right to revoke the Award if the Nominee is in breach of one or more of these warranties and may award the Award to another Nominee.

1. **Eligibility to nominate**

* The Agilent Award nominations are open to individuals and organisations registered and operating in Australia.
* The nominee must own the IP of the solution which they are nominating for the Award.
* At least 51% of product development efforts including research, development and design must have taken place in Australia.

1. **Additional information for nominations**

* Nominees may be requested by the Judges to provide additional information.
* Nominees agree to make reasonable efforts to provide Judges with adequate additional information.
* Short listed nomination may be required to submit a short video or presentation showcasing their analytical method.

1. **Confidentiality of material**

* Staff or agents of the Organiser and the Judging Panel will handle nominations. With the exception of marketing material, nominations will be treated as commercial-in-confidence. Information provided by Nominees will not be released without Your prior permission.
* Upon receipt by the Organiser, all nominations and supporting material become and remain the property of the Organiser. Nominees, however, retain ownership of any intellectual property in the nomination and supporting material.

1. **Nomination deadline**  
   Nominations must be received by the organiser by close of business on **Tuesday 20th August 2024**.
2. **Judging process**

* The Organiser reserves the right not to consider any nomination if the Organiser considers that the nomination does not sufficiently meet the Award criteria.
* The Organiser reserves the right to cancel or change the Award at their discretion if they reasonably determine that the integrity of the Award is or has been compromised.
* Chance plays no part in determining the winner and finalists of the Award. The winner and finalists are selected on the basis of merit.
* All decisions and recommendations made by the Organiser, and the Judges, shall be binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
* Judges are bound by the assessment criteria for the Award.
* The Organiser reserves the right, at the Judges' recommendation, to award joint winning nominations.

1. **Notification**

* All nominees will be notified by email once their nomination has been received.
* All submissions are kept in strict confidence and will not be provided to third parties.
* Nominees for short listed nominations will be notified of their status as finalists.

1. **Declaration of interests**

Judges are required to declare any interest in nominations over which they deliberate and to disqualify themselves from consideration of those nominations.

1. **Presentation ceremony**  
   The winner and runner-up should use their best endeavours to attend, or be represented at, the presentation ceremony. Attendance by the finalists at the presentation ceremony is encouraged. The presentation ceremony will take place at the CleanUp 2024 Conference gala dinner on Tuesday, 17 September 2024.
2. **Limits on organiser’s responsibilities and liabilities**

* The Organiser will endeavour to ensure that the Award is conducted in a manner that does not adversely affect the reputation of any Nominee or participant.
* Nominees enter the Award at their own risk and the Organiser will not be liable for any loss, damage or expense incurred by the Nominee as a result of entering a nomination into the Award.

1. **Promotion of nominations**  
   Nominees agree to do all things reasonable to participate and/or cooperate with any promotional or media activities conducted by the Organiser in relation to the Award.
2. **No relationship**  
   No contractual or other legal relationship shall arise between the members of the Judging Panel, the Organiser and any Nominee.
3. **Recipient benefits**  
   The following benefits will be offered:

* Winner: a cash prize of AUD$2,000
* Runner-up: a cash prize of AUD$1,000.