



Call for Nominations: ASBTE Award of Research Excellence 2026

The Committee of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering invites nominations for the ASBTE AWARD of Research Excellence 2026.

Nomination Process and Selection Criteria:

Any member of the Society in good standing may nominate candidates for the award. The deadline for the nomination is **18 February 2026**. The successful candidate will be announced at the next ASBTE meeting. The award is determined by the selection committee chaired by the Society President. The award will consist of an inscribed medal and will be presented at the next ASBTE annual meeting. Only 1 award will be presented. The successful candidate will be announced at the next ASBTE meeting.

The following information must accompany each nomination:

1. Name and affiliation of three nominating members and statements from each nominator describing the reasons for nomination (1-2pages). It is an expectation that the criteria as stated in the guidelines are clearly articulated by the nominations.
2. Name, address and affiliation of the nominee
3. A Curriculum Vitae of the nominee, as far as is known, including education, membership of professional organizations, honours already received, main field of professional activity and a list of publications

Guidelines for the Selection Committee:

The ASBTE Award for Research Excellence recognizes a member of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering who has made a significant contribution to the discipline of biomaterials and tissue engineering. The selection panel may rank each nominee on the following criteria and make a judgement as to the best candidate to receive the award:

1. Nominees major contribution to the discipline of biomaterials and tissue engineering: (25 points)
 - i. publications in peer reviewed journals
 - ii. Citations and h index
 - iii. Books and book chapters
2. Recognition by the International Scientific Community: (25 points)
 - i. Invitations to present plenary/keynote lectures in international conferences
 - ii. International Society Fellowships
 - iii. Memberships in Journal Editorial Boards and/or industry Board roles
 - iv. Awards
 - v. Positions held in professional societies
3. Contributions to Technology Innovations and Translation: (25 points)
 - i. Patents awarded
 - ii. Commercial, clinical and/or policy outcomes from his/her research
 - iii. Start-up companies established and/or national/global impact of translational research
4. Leadership/mentoring roles: (15 points)
 - i. Number of PhD students or research scientists mentored
 - ii. Number of post doctoral scientists
 - iii. Leadership positions in university and/or industry
 - iv. Leadership positions in organising national/international conferences
5. Other Achievements/contributions: (10 points)
 - i. The selection panel may consider any other achievements/contributions cited in the nomination that may be recognized to demonstrate nominee's contributions to the discipline. Examples may include industry consultancies, commercialisation, memberships in expert/advisory panels etc

Please e-mail nominations to the attention of the ASBTE President Prof Jelena Rnjak-Kovacina (j.rnjak-kovacina@unsw.edu.au) on or before 18 February 2026.