



Société Francophone d'Etude des Carbones

# Young Scientist SFEC Award 2021

On the occasion of the 2009 World Conference on Carbon, the **Francophone Carbon Society (SFEC)** has created an award to recognise a **significant contribution to carbon science or carbon technology** brought by a young, non-tenured, scientist or engineer, **regardless of his/her country of origin and citizenship**. This prize is now awarded every year at the ongoing World Conference on Carbon.

The SFEC Award 2021 is open to **any French-speaking researcher** wherever he or she works, and to **any researcher working in a laboratory located in a French-speaking country/region**. The laboratory may be academic and public, or from a company and private. The applicant **must not have defended his thesis for more than four years**, at the closing date of the applications.

The SFEC Award 2021 includes a one-time money prize of 1000 EUR (one thousand Euros), and the registration fee to participate to the next international CARBON conference (London, 2022) if the Awardee wishes to participate to the conference.

**Note that, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Award regulations have been specifically adapted for the 2021 edition.**

The **enforced conditions** for eligibility are:

- (1) the remarkable results to be awarded should be **recent**, *i.e.* disclosed or already published not earlier than in 2020;
- (2) the recipient of the Award **will attend in person** the *Colloque Francophone du Carbone* (SFEC-2021, April 6-9, Murol) and give the related lecture in person. The SFEC will waive all registration fees and will cover on-site lodging and food expenses.
- (3) the awardee **should not have a permanent position** in industry or academia yet, by the time of the nomination submission.
- (4) the date of defense of the nominees' thesis (if already passed) **can not be before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**.

Each applicant proposal is submitted by a "Nominator", typically a close colleague, or the candidate's supervisor if applicable. The nomination may come from anyone in the world. The members of the SFEC Award Committee will select the winner on the basis of THREE documents (PDF format):

- (1) An **Extended Abstract of at least 4 pages** detailing the performed research, so that the Committee can fairly assess the quality and originality of the work. The abstract should concern **ONLY** the work to be awarded and to be presented in the above-mentioned conference(s). It can also be the reprint of the related article if already published. In case the article covers a broader work than that to be awarded, which part corresponds to the work proposed to be awarded should be indicated.
- (2) A **commentary provided by the "Nominator"**. The fact that the nominee is the main author of the proposed work should be clearly assessed, as well as the reason(s) why the nominee is fully eligible (quality of the work, originality, extent of the candidate's contribution).
- (3) The **"Application-Checklist" document** to be filled and signed by the nominee (provided as last page of this document).

Please strictly comply with the above-mentioned rules. **No other document will be taken into consideration by the Award Committee**. As the award is dedicated to reward the scientific quality of a specific piece of work, and not a sum of career achievements, **no Curriculum Vitae shall be provided**. Note also that the purpose of the Nominator commentary is not to detail the Curriculum Vitae of the candidate: it should concern the proposed work only.

The **deadline** for the nomination submission is set to **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Nominations must be sent by the Nominators directly to the current Chair of SFEC, Prof. Nathalie JOB (Nathalie.Job@uliege.be), and to the SFEC Secretary, Dr. Alain PENICAUD (alain.penicaud@crpp.cnrs.fr).

The award winner will be selected by the SFEC Award committee and **all the applicants will be informed of the results by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. The winner will receive the award along with the money prize from the current Chair of SFEC at any appropriate time of the 2021 *Colloque Francophone du Carbone*, as allocated by the Organising Committee.

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**APPLICATION CHECK-LIST**  
**To be filled-out by the nominee to the SFEC Young-Scientist Award**



**Commitment**

*In case I am selected as the SFEC Award winner, I hereby certify that I will attend the Colloque Francophone du Carbone 2021 and will present my work in person. The related registration and accommodation fees will be supported by the SFEC, along with the subscription fee to the SFEC for one year.*

**Information about the nominee :**

Last Name:

First (given) name:

Citizenship(s):

Date of thesis defence, if already passed (dd/mm/yyyy):

Name (full name, acronym if any, address) of the laboratory(ies) where the research work submitted to the SFEC Award was performed:

e-mail:

Signature:

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Once filled out, this form should be provided by the nominating person along with the following documents:

1. **The nomination letter** (from a close, senior colleague, such as the researcher supervisor for instance);
- 2a. An **Abstract of at least 4 pages** (including authors and affiliations) detailing the research performed;  
**OR, alternatively**
- 2b. The **article** already published (in 2020) or submitted reporting the research work proposed for the SFEC Award.  
*The specific contribution of the nominee, submitted for the Award, should be specified in the nomination letter.*

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