

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 their country of origin and citizenship**. This prize is now awarded every year at the ongoing World Conference on Carbon.

The SFEC Award 2024 is open to **all French-speaking researchers** wherever they work, 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 applicants **must not have defended their thesis for more than four years**, at the closing date of the applications.

The SFEC Award 2024 includes a one-time money prize of 1000 EUR (one thousand Euros).

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 2023;
- (2) the recipient of the Award **will attend in person BOTH** the following conferences to present the awarded work:
 - the *World Conference on Carbon (CARBON-2024, July 14th – 19th, Shenzhen, China)* and give the related lecture in person. The SFEC will cover the registration fees to the CARBON 2024 conference.
 - the *Colloque Francophone du Carbone (SFEC-2024, May 13th – 16th, La Bolle)* 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 1st, 2020**.

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 **Abstract of at least 4 pages** detailing the performed research, so that the Committee can fairly assess the quality and originality of the work. It can also be the reprint of the related article if already published, or the Extended Abstract to be submitted to the CARBON-2024 conference if its format is adequate.
- (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). 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.
- (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**.

The **deadline** for the nomination submission is set to **January 15th, 2024**. 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. Jean-Charles ARNAULT (jean-charles.arnault@cea.fr).

The award winner will be selected by the SFEC Award committee and **all the applicants will be informed of the results by March 4th, 2024**. The laureate will receive the award along with the money prize from the current Chair of SFEC at any appropriate time of the 2024 *World Conference on Carbon*, as allocated by the Organising Committee.

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 2024 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.

In case I am selected as the SFEC Award winner, I hereby certify that I will attend the World Conference on Carbon 2024 to receive my Award and money Prize and to present my work in person, and that I will duly acknowledge the SFEC. My registration fee will be supported by the SFEC.

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:

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 2023) 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.
