

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 2025 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 2025 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 2024;
- (2) the recipient of the Award **will attend in person** the *World Conference on Carbon (CARBON-2025, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, Saint-Malo, France)* and give the related lecture in person. The SFEC will cover the registration fees to the CARBON 2025 conference.
- (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>, 2021**.

Additionally, the awardee will be invited to present his/her work to the *Colloque Francophone du Carbone (SFEC-2026, date and location to be communicated)* and give the related lecture in person. The SFEC will waive all registration fees and will cover on-site lodging and food expenses.

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 preprint or the reprint of the related article if already submitted to a journal or published.
- (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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The laureate will receive the award along with the money prize from the current Chair of SFEC at any appropriate time of the *2025 World Conference on Carbon*, 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 World Conference on Carbon 2025 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 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 2024) 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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