

Nominations open for the 2020 Biomaterials Science Lectureship

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Do you know an early-career researcher who deserves recognition for their contribution to the biomaterials field?

Now is your chance to put them forward for the accolade they deserve.

[*Biomaterials Science*](#) is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 *Biomaterials Science* Lectureship award. This annual award was established in 2014 to honour an early-stage career scientist who has made a significant contribution to the biomaterials field.

The recipient of the award will be asked to present a lecture at the [11th World Biomaterials Congress](#) in Glasgow in May 2020, where they will also be presented with the award. The *Biomaterials Science* Editorial Office will provide financial support to the recipient for travel and accommodation costs.

The recipient will also be asked to contribute a lead article to the journal and will have their work showcased free of charge on the front cover of the issue in which their article is published.

2019 winner – [April Kloxin](#), University of Delaware, USA



Previous winners

2018 – [Zhen Gu](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill & North Carolina State University, USA

2017 – [Zhuang Liu](#), Soochow University, China

2016 – [Fan Yang](#), Stanford University, USA

2015 – [Joel Collier](#), Duke University, USA

2014 – [Suzie Pun](#), University of Washington, USA

Eligibility

To be eligible for the lectureship, candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Be an independent researcher, having completed PhD and postdoctoral studies

- Be actively pursuing research within the biomaterials field, and have made a significant contribution to the field
- Be at an early stage of their independent career (this should be within 12 years of attaining their doctorate or equivalent degree, but appropriate consideration will be given to those who have taken a career break, for example for childcare leave, or followed an alternative study path)

Although the *Biomaterials Science* Lectureship doesn't explicitly reward support of or contributions to the journal, candidates with a history of either publishing in or refereeing for the journal would be viewed favourably.

Selection

- Eligible nominated candidates will be notified of their nomination, and will be asked to provide 3 recent articles that they feel represent their current research.
- All eligible nominated candidates will be assessed by a shortlisting panel, made up of members of the *Biomaterials Science* Advisory Board and a previous lectureship winner.
- The shortlisting panel will consider the articles provided by the candidates as well as their CVs and letters of nomination.
- Shortlisted candidates will be further assessed by the *Biomaterials Science* Editorial Board, and a winner will be selected based on an anonymous poll.
- Selection is not based simply on quantitative measures. Consideration will be given to all information provided in the letter of recommendation and candidate CV, including research achievements and originality, contributions to the biomaterials community, innovation, collaborations and teamwork, publication history, and engagement with *Biomaterials Science*.

Nominations

- Nominations must be made *via* email to biomaterialsscience-rsc@rsc.org, and should include a short CV (3 page maximum length) and a brief letter of nomination (1 page maximum length).
- Self-nomination is not permitted
- Nominators do not need to be senior researchers, and we encourage nominations from people at all career levels
- As part of the Royal Society of Chemistry, we believe [we have a responsibility to promote inclusivity and accessibility in order to improve diversity](#). Where possible, we encourage each nominator to consider nominating candidates of all genders, races, and backgrounds.
- Candidates outside of the stated eligibility criteria may still be considered

Nominations should be submitted no later than **30th November 2019**