

**GUIDELINES****ATSE Awards 2026****EZIO RIZZARDO  
POLYMER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding achievements and potential impact of a PhD candidate in the field of polymer science or engineering. This award is designed to supplement the funding of an existing scholarship holder who is undertaking or about to commence PhD studies related to polymer science or engineering with the aim to deliver impact that benefits Australia.

The scholarship will provide \$10,000 per year for up to three years, plus a \$5,000 travel fund to support the recipient's academic pursuits and research goals.

The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) administers the scholarship, which is funded by the former CRC for Polymers. This Award will be announced by ATSE annually.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE****Tuesday 12 May 2026 close of business****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Awardee will have:

1. Demonstrated excellence in their undergraduate degree.
2. Presented a research proposal with the potential to make a high impact contribution to polymer science or engineering.
3. Effective communication skills to explain their scientific ideas and accomplishments to a broad audience.

## ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Awardee must be:

1. A student who is or will be enrolled at one of the 14 participant universities of the former CRC for Polymers. Eligible Universities include University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT University, Swinburne University of Technology, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong, University of Newcastle, University of New England, University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, University of South Australia, and University of Western Australia.
2. An Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident.

Current members of ATSE's Board or of the Ezio Rizzardo Polymer Scholarship Committee are not eligible to be a Proposer or Supervisor for this Award.

## DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

The following materials constitute a complete nomination:

### Eligibility Criteria

- A student of one of the 14 participant universities. (Academic transcript attached).
- An Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident
- Please attach evidence of citizenship or permanent residence. This could include:
  - a passport
  - a citizenship certificate
  - a visa (1.1.V.10) or travel documents granting permanent residence

### Proposer (must be the Dean of Engineering or the Dean of Science) and Nominee details and contact information

#### Current role

#### Supporting statements

- Executive Overview (maximum 100 words)
- Research Proposal (maximum 500 words)  
Must include the following:
  - Project title
  - Aim - one sentence
  - Background: the nature and scale problem being addressing, the best technologies currently available to address this and their shortcomings
  - Research: the scientific approach, what the Nominee will do, why it is novel, and the major milestones that will be achieved during the PhD
  - Path to impact: a brief description of how the research outcomes will deliver impact and the potential benefits it may provide
- Summary of achievements: must provide a summary of the achievements the Nominee has made towards the goals of the project
- Proposer Statement (maximum 200 words)
- Supervisor Statement: a more detailed case against the selection criteria for why their student would be an excellent recipient of the scholarship. (maximum 500 words)

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

The following document must be attached to complete the application:

- Nominee's CV (maximum two pages)- must include:
- a list all publications and presentations to date, and their other communication activities (for example, STEM advocacy, mentoring)
- relevant vacation and work experience
- other extra curricula activities that may also be considered important for the Award (for example, involvement on committees or in clubs and societies)
- any additional skills and competencies (for example, languages, sporting or musical achievements, etc.)

The Proposer and Nominee may be called upon by the Selection Panel to provide evidence of claims made within submitted documentation.

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Only electronic submissions of nominations and attachments will be accepted. Incomplete applications and any received after the closing time and date will not be considered. All decisions taken by the Selection Committee will be final.

## **ADVICE AND INFORMATION**

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