

Sample citation for Award for Exceptional Service to the Royal Society of Chemistry

Purpose

To recognise exceptional volunteering activity in service to the Royal Society of Chemistry.

This award is designed to recognise those volunteers who have made a personal impact by contributing through a variety of volunteer positions (eg voluntary roles on a range of Boards/committees over a career) or over a sustained period of time supporting the Chemists' Community Fund.

Citation criteria

- All nominations must be supported by a citation which demonstrates how the activities of the individual relate to the purpose of this award.
- Citations should not be more than 350 words. Citations longer than this will be cut off at the word limit.
- Citations should not include references to academic achievements or paid work.
- While we value the roles that members hold through other organisations and within their communities, our awards were established to recognise the volunteering contribution made to the RSC. As such, we do not/will not consider the contributions of roles such as school governor etc. as part of the judging process.
- Note that extended service by an individual to a single member-led committee would normally be recognised through a long service award.

Citation

Example of an **excellent** citation, which includes:

- Details of how the nominee has made a personal impact through volunteering for the RSC.
- Details of how this nominee stands out from our wider volunteer community.

We would like to nominate Robin Smith for this award in recognition of their exceptional service to the RSC. Over many years Robin has been a member of the following RSC bodies:

- XYZ Board
- XY Division
- Z Local Section
- Z Interest Group
- XYZ Working Group

During Robin's time as Secretary of the Z Interest Group they were responsible for restarting the group's annual Early Career Researcher meetings including offering bursaries to researchers who would not receive any funding from their employer to cover the costs of attendance. As a result of Robin's work in promoting these bursaries not only did the meetings flourish but the diversity of attendees expanded to include members from a much wider range of employers.

As a member of the XYZ Board Robin took part in the review of funding for our member networks. Working with staff and other members Robin supported the creation of a new funding model which supported the expansion of activities aimed at supporting the early career community.

Citation – Chemists’ Community Fund

- Details of how the nominator think this nominee stands out from our wider volunteer community.

Due to the confidential nature of the Fund it is unlikely that anyone will be fully aware of the impact of our Fund volunteers. As such, we invite nominations outlining why those making the nomination feel that the individual deserves recognition. The Chemists’ Community Fund Team will provide judges with a factual confidential summary of the impact of the nominated volunteer.