

AOGS Axford Medal

for outstanding achievements in geosciences, and unselfish cooperation and leadership in Asia and Oceania

The AOGS establishes the AOGS Axford Medal in honour of Professor W. Ian Axford for his "vision of academic excellence and unselfish scientific cooperation in Asia and Oceania." Prof. W. Ian Axford was one of the major architects of AOGS before it was officially established in 2004. He is a distinguished scientist who was responsible for developing many fundamental theories for the structure of the magnetosphere, origin of the solar wind, and cosmic ray particle acceleration. He was also instrumental in promoting international cooperation in the geosciences in the broadest sense. The AOGS Axford Medal acknowledges an individual for outstanding achievements in geosciences, including planetary and solar system science, as well as unselfish cooperation and leadership in Asia and Oceania.

1. Calls for nominations for the Axford Medal should be announced at least 9 months before the next AOGS Annual General Meeting.
2. The Award Committee should evaluate and rank the nominated candidates and then submit its recommendations and the ranked list to the Council, at least 3 months prior to the next AOGS Annual General Meeting, for consideration and approval. The criteria for ranking, each of equal weight, are:
 - a. The excellence, outstanding nature, breadth, persistence, and international recognition of a candidate's research contributions to the geosciences;
 - b. The excellence and duration of a candidate's record of international leadership and unselfish cooperation in the geosciences, particularly in Asia and Oceania;
 - c. The excellence and duration of a candidate's contributions to AOGS, especially relating to the development of the geosciences within Asia and Oceania and to international cooperation within and outside these regions.
3. If the Council awards an Axford Medal then it will be conferred at an Annual General Meeting of AOGS.
4. Requirements for Nominations of the Axford Medal:
 - a. A nomination letter: this
 - i. should demonstrate the nominee's outstanding contributions to the geosciences (including planetary and solar system science) and
 - ii. must be 2 pages or less in length.
 - b. A list of selected publications: this list
 - i. must be no longer than 2 pages and describe the major publications of the nominee, and
 - ii. must include the published papers that best support the argument for award of the Axford Medal.
 - c. Curriculum Vitae: this must be approximately 2 pages of length and include the nominee's degrees, employment, honours, memberships, and service to the scientific community.
 - d. Three supporting reference letters:
Supporting letters from the outside of the candidate's home country are necessary to show wide international recognition.
5. Complete nominations should be sent by email, with the documents in pdf format as attachments, for the attention of the Award Committee.

2019 Axford Medal Award

Please email your nominations by 29 Jan 2019 to: admin@asiaoceania.org

04 Sep 2018 Nomination Opens
29 Jan 2019 Nomination Closes
29 Mar 2019 Slate of Candidates to Council
21 May 2019 Announce Awards

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