

2024 YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS

Objective

To reward young scientists and engineers in Hong Kong who show great promise in their field of study, with the hope that this will nurture the growth of science and technology in the region.

The Awards

Awards will be given annually at the HKIS Annual Conference (to be held in early December), a winner and an honorable mention in each of the following fields:

- (a) Physical/Mathematical science
- (b) Life science
- (c) Engineering science

Final selection and award presentation will be held during the HKIS Annual Conference. Each award winner will receive a cash prize of \$10,000 while honorable mention \$5,000 and a certificate of recognition. Other short-listed applicants will receive certificates of recognition.

Eligibility

The Awards are open to all postgraduate research students who are pursuing M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree in any of the tertiary institutions in Hong Kong. Those who have graduated recently (within 2 years of graduation) are also eligible.

All applicants should join HKIS as Student or Ordinary Members as applicable and enjoy free membership for 2023 by completing the form "Application for Membership under the Young Scientist Award Scheme".

Award Selection

Award selection is based on evidence of research excellence in science or technology and the potential to become a good scientist or engineer. Screening will first be made based on the information submitted describing the applicant's respective work. Short-listed applicants may be asked to give an oral presentation of their work and two candidates will be selected. Final selection for the winner and honorable mention will be held during the **HKIS Annual Conference in early December 2024**.

A separate Selection Panel for each of the three fields will review the applications and conduct the selection.

Submission

Applicants are required to submit the following two files in pdf format via email:

(1) **One single pdf file** containing:

- Young Scientist Awards (YSA) Application Form, duly completed with an extended summary of the work (about 1,000 words) and a statement highlighting the significance of the work.
- A list of papers (or related papers) or patents describing the work pursued (copies of papers not required). Preferably, the papers have been published, or accepted to be published, by an internationally-referred journal. The applicant needs not be the first author of the papers but, obviously, priority counts and the applicant needs to specify (in the Application Form) the level of his or her contribution to the published work.
- A letter of endorsement from the applicant's supervisor(s) of the submitted work.
- (2) Another pdf file containing the completed Membership Application Form.

All submissions should reach the Honorary Secretary, Dr. K.S. Leung at bckleung@polyu.edu.hk on or before 31 July 2024.

Soft copy of the application forms can be downloaded from the Website <u>www.science.org.hk</u>