

BLCS Prizes and Medals

The British Liquid Crystal Society is calling for nominations for the awards listed below. All nominations must be emailed to the Secretary (contact details below) as a Word or PDF file, **by the end of Friday 20 February 2026**.

Please see the [BLCS website](#) for full rules for these awards.

G.W. Gray Medal

The G.W. Gray Medal of the British Liquid Crystal Society is awarded from time to time for outstanding contributions to research in the field of liquid crystal science and technology. It was first awarded in 1996, following the award of the Kyoto prize for Advanced Technology to George Gray. The award is open to nominees of all age groups, with the single criterion that nominations must be for seminal research contributions of international quality. The Award is open equally to those from academic and industrial backgrounds. The recipient will deliver a lecture at the Annual Conference of the Society and a description of the recipient's work, written by the nominator, will appear in the Society's Newsletter. Nominees require both a nominator and a seconder. The nominator must be a member of the British Liquid Crystal Society. *The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4 plus a CV and a list of the nominee's publications.*

C. Hilsum Medal

The C. Hilsum Medal is awarded from time to time to, preferably, members of the Society and normally working in the UK. It was first awarded in 2006 to recognise the key role played by Cyril Hilsum, Head of the Malvern Displays Group, in the development of liquid crystal materials and displays. The medal is awarded for overall independent contributions to liquid crystal science and technology; such contributions would normally have been made in the ten years preceding nomination. The award will therefore be made to active, mid-career researchers who have made notable contributions to the subject over a number of years. The Award is open equally to those from academic and industrial backgrounds. The recipient will give a short, post-dinner address at the Annual Conference of the Society and a description of the recipient's work, written by the nominator, will appear in the Society's Newsletter. Cyril Hilsum is informed of the selection on each occasion when an award is made. Candidates require both a nominator and a seconder. The nominator must be a member of the Society. *The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4 plus a CV and a list of the nominee's publications.*

BLCS Young Scientist Prize

The BLCS Young Scientist Award is normally presented annually for significant research contributions to the field of liquid crystals. Candidates must normally be within 10 years of beginning their PhD and should be active members of the Society, working in the UK at the time of their nomination. Nominees will have been awarded their PhD in the UK in some area of liquid crystal science or technology or they will have made significant contributions to liquid crystal science in the UK, perhaps after a PhD in another country or in another field. The Award is open equally to those from

academic and industrial backgrounds. The recipient will give an oral presentation of the work that forms the basis for the Award at the Annual Conference of the Society and, a description of this work, written by the recipient, will appear in the Society's Newsletter. The Award takes the form of a cheque for £250 and a certificate. Candidates require both a nominator and a seconder. The nominator should be a member of the Society. Part of the nomination must include a statement by the nominator identifying clearly the nominee's independent contributions to the work on which the nomination is based. *The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4, plus a CV (max two sides of A4) and a list of the nominee's publications.*

All nomination should be sent to the BLCS secretary, Dr Alf Martinez-Felipe, by email to a.martinez-felipe@abdn.ac.uk

Further details of prizes, including nomination rules can be found on the BLCS website https://www.blcs.org.uk/?page_id=51