

Materials Horizons Community Board Call for Nominations

These researchers will be expected to provide comments and advice to the journal a few times a year *via* email contact with the editorial office. This feedback will then be used to promote discussion at Editorial Board meetings *etc.*

General information

The purpose of the Community Board is to provide a channel for communication between the materials science student and early career researcher community and the journal's Executive Editor and Editorial Board, and also to facilitate student and postdoctoral (or equivalent) engagement with *Materials Horizons*. We are looking for engaged and interested early career researchers who will see this as an opportunity to assist in the development of an innovative journal, from a learned society publisher, in a rapidly expanding area of science.

Guidelines for Nominators

- Nominations are open now and will close on 15 August 2016.
- Any Principle Investigator can nominate someone for the Community Board. Candidates must not nominate themselves.
- Candidates must not be working in the research groups of serving *Materials Horizons* [Editorial Board members](#).
- Nominations are open to active researchers (academic or industrial), who received their PhD (or equivalent degree) no more than five years prior to 1 July 2016.

To make a nomination please provide the information outlined below to materialshorizons-rsc@rsc.org.

- The nominator's name, affiliation, position and contact details
- The candidate's name, affiliation, research group, position and contact details
- A supporting statement from the nominator (no more than 750 words) addressing the selection criteria
- A short personal statement from the candidate describing what they will bring the role in terms of advising and being an advocate for the journal. This must be no longer than 250 words.
- An up-to-date CV for the candidate

Selection criteria for *Materials Horizons* Community Board

The *Materials Horizons* Executive Editor and members of the Editorial Board will consider the following aspects of all nominations for the Community Board as appropriate:

- Impact of research
- Quality of publications and/or patents and/or software
- Innovation
- Profile within institute and/or community
- Independence
- Collaborations and teamwork

Materials Horizons

Materials Horizons is a premier journal publishing first reports of exceptional significance across the breadth of materials research. It is an innovative, community-focused, dynamic journal guided by world-renowned Editorial Board members. The journal features research at the cutting-edge interface of materials science with chemistry, physics, biology and engineering.

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FAQs

What is the role of the Community Board?

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What are the expectations of Community Board members?

- They will be provide feedback and advice on the perception of the journal within their community
- They will actively promote the journal to potential and existing authors, readers and reviewers
- They will suggest topics and potential authors for Focus Articles ([Focus Articles](#) are editorial or concept piece articles designed to explain or clarify specific topics within the materials science field)
- They will suggest education-focused initiatives that they feel would be of benefit to the materials science community

How does the Community Board differ from the journal's Editorial and Advisory Boards?

The Editorial and Advisory Boards are made up of leading researchers across the breadth of materials science research. Each board member has been appointed because they make a significant contribution in their particular field. The Community Board is designed to complement the journal's Editorial and Advisory Boards. The Community Board will not be expected to directly contribute to the strategy of the journal, advice on journal policies or be expected to review manuscripts for the journal.

What is the term of service of the Community Board?

The term will be for one year with the possibility of renewing after that time.

Will the Community Board meet formally?

The Community Board will not meet formally, but we expect members of the journal Editorial Office and Editorial and Advisory Boards will meet with Community Board members where possible at relevant conferences and events.

What benefits will I receive as a Community Board Member?

- You will be part of an engaged and enthusiastic group of early career researchers and students who are able to assist in shaping the development of a leading materials science journal. The Editorial Office will be seeking feedback and advice from you on the perception of the journal within your community. Particularly focussed on educational initiatives that will directly benefit you and your community.
- Community Board members will be offered a complimentary introductory membership to the Royal Society of Chemistry, at an appropriate level of membership, for the first year of their term as a Community Board member.
- Community Board members will receive a free personal subscription to the journal for the duration of their term as a Community Board member.
- Community Board members will have the opportunity to meet with members of the Editorial Office, and Editorial and Advisory Boards where possible at conferences and events.
- Your name will appear on the journal website.

Materials Horizons Community Board – Information Required

Nominator name:

Nominator affiliation:

Nominator position:

Nominator email address:

Nominator supporting statement: (750 words max.)

Candidate name:

Candidate affiliation:

Candidate position:

Candidate research group:

Candidate email:

Candidate personal statement: (250 words max.)

Candidate up-to-date CV