

## Early Career Researcher Awards

Following the same spirit of Early Career Researcher (ECR) Awards as ICAA16 and ICAA17, ICAA18 is planning to offer the awards of ECR on the basis of the quality of scientific research ability to communicate the results.

- Two to three of these awards will be attributed to PhD students having defended their thesis at the latest one year before the on-page abstract submission deadline (May 31, 2022.).
- Two to three will be attributed to post-doctoral researchers having defended their thesis at the latest four years before the one-page abstract submission deadline (May 31, 2022.).

Each awardee will be given the opportunity to give a 20-minute plenary talk during the conference, and will receive a money award.

To apply for the award, candidates have to show their intention by submitting 300 words abstract at the submission site of ICAA18 website, in the first step.

The candidates are required to submit the following documents when uploading their one-page abstract. The deadline is the same as that of the one-page abstract, May 31, 2022.

1. One-page abstract
2. A full CV with a list of main publications and presentations.
3. A description of research activities (max. 1000 words, 1 page of A4 size paper. free format)
4. One most important published paper in English.
5. A recommendation letter from their Ph.D., post-doctoral supervisor and /or manager, chief of institutes, universities, or companies.
6. A copy of ID in their affiliation/ student ID.
7. (Optional) New manuscript of Materials Transactions\* described below

Those 6 or 7 items must be combined for 1 PDF file with your name as its file name, then uploaded from submission site.

If the ECR candidates did not receive an award, their abstract would be directly included in a regular session.

\* The ICAA18 committee highly recommends all of candidates to submit their manuscripts to the special issue of Materials Transactions. Its deadline is the same as that of the one-page abstract, May 31, 2022. A cost for its publication will be covered by ICAA18. Award selection will be carried out among the candidates who submitted the required documents with or without Item 7.

The organization committee particularly encourages the diversity of applications in terms of gender and geographical origin.