

Overview of Information Required for an AVS Medard Welch Nomination

The AVS Award nominations are now submitted using a web based system that can be found at: <https://avs.awardsplatform.com/>. The [Nomination Procedures](#) document provides an overview of the nomination process for the professional awards. The required information and nomination questions in each area for a **Medard Welch Award** nomination are listed below to enable the nomination material to be assembled offline in preparation to entry into the web system.

[Tips on How to Craft an Effective Nomination and Strong Support Letters](#)

The online forms serve as a guide to the type and amount of information the Award Committee needs to see to evaluate nominees. However, each nominee has their own story and impact. It is the challenge of the nominators to tell the critical story within the context of the questions and nomination sections described for each award. It is useful to tell the story, not just present a bunch of facts. Tell about the impact: help the Award Committee to know the candidate, his/her accomplishments, and his/her impact. Tips on how to craft an effective nomination and strong support letter can be found [HERE](#)

Purpose

To recognize and encourage outstanding research in the fields of interest to AVS.

Eligibility

The nominee must have accomplished outstanding theoretical and/or experimental research within the ten years preceding the year in which the award is made. Special consideration will be given to nominees currently engaged in an active career of research. The award will be granted without further restriction except that current members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible.

Web questions or requested information for Medard Welch Award Nominations

Award Category

- Award Type: Professional
- Category: Medard W. Welch Award
- Nominees Name: (First Name, Last Name)
- Nominees Business Address:
- Nominees email Address:
- Introductory paragraph to nomination:
Short summary or introduction to the accomplishments or contributions upon which this nomination is based. These are to be described more fully in later sections (<250 words)
- Proposed Citation:
One sentence (<30 words)

Scientific Contributions

This section represents the substance of the entry so please be as concise, clear and informative as possible. Specific, factual, and convincing information will be the basis upon which the entry will be evaluated.

- Describe the nominee's accomplishments in the past 10 years and their impact on the field. (< 750 words)
- Description of relevant Research Highlights outside of the preceding 10 year period and/or significant contributions to education, training, or management of science. (<500 words)
- List the nominee's number of peer reviewed publications, H-factor, and total number of citations (indicating source - e.g. Web of Science, Google Scholar ...) and ten most relevant publications (including authors and titles)
- List the nominee's relevant patents (Up to 10)

Professional Service

- Describe the nominee's professional service and subsequent contributions to the scientific community, especially AVS. This should include any professional leadership positions, committee service, editorial work, outreach and other service initiatives. (<750 words)
- Any other input that would be useful to the Awards Committee (<150 words)

Required Supporting Documents

The following documents must be uploaded using an **Add Attachments** button.

- 1) A Curriculum Vitae* (PDF Format) which should include education, employment history, professional recognition and awards (5 page maximum)
- 2) Three Support Letters (PDF Format) referencing the award criteria.
 - Each letter should be 2 pages maximum.
 - The signed letter of support must be on letterhead in a font of 11 or higher making specific reference to the criteria.
- 3) Full list of Publications, Patents and Invited Talks* (PDF Format)

*It can be effective (not required) to organize the CV and Publication list to highlight topics or areas particularly relevant to the nomination.

See part of the first page of the web based nomination form on the next page

Portion of the first web page for a Medard Welch nomination is shown below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://avs.awardsplatform.com/entry/entrant/start>. The browser's address bar also shows "Start nomination | My nomi..." and "Ask Home Page". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Favorites", "Tools", and "Help". The browser's toolbar shows icons for home, back, forward, print, and search, along with a "Page" dropdown menu and "Safety" and "Tools" options.

The main content area is titled "AVS Awards" and "My nominations > Start nomination". A navigation sidebar on the left includes "Nominations", "Judge nominations", and "My nominations". The main content area has a sub-header "All questions must be answered, unless marked optional." and a tabbed interface with "Award Category" selected. The "Award Category" tab is active, and the "Scientific Contributions", "Professional Service", and "Required Supporting Documents" tabs are also visible.

The form fields are as follows:

- Award type:** A dropdown menu with "Professional" selected.
- Category:** A dropdown menu with "Medard W. Welch Award" selected.
- First Name Last Name:** A text input field containing "123".
- Nominee's Business Address:** A text input field with a vertical scrollbar.
- Nominee's email address:** A text input field.
- Introductory paragraph to nomination:** A text input field with a vertical scrollbar. The text below the field reads: "Introductory paragraph to nomination: Short summary or introduction to the accomplishments or contributions upon which this nomination is based. These are to be described more fully in later sections (less than 250 words) 0 / 250 words".

On the right side of the form, there is a text box with the following text: "To recognize and encourage outstanding research in the fields of interest to AVS. The nominee must have accomplished outstanding theoretical and/or experimental research within the ten years preceding the year in which the award is made. Special consideration will be given to nominees currently engaged in an active career of research. The award will be granted without further restriction except that current members of the Board of Directors and the Awards Committee are not eligible. **Any individual may ONLY submit one nominating or seconding letter for each award in any given year.** The AVS Awards Committee reserves the right to consider a candidate for a different award category."