

IUPAC Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering

Background

The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) offers awards for Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering. The purpose of the awards program, initiated as part of the 2011 International Year of Chemistry celebrations, is to acknowledge and promote the work of women chemists/chemical engineers worldwide. In 2011, 23 women were honored during a ceremony held at the IUPAC Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 2 August 2011. In 2013, 12 women received this recognition during the 2013 IUPAC Congress in Istanbul, Turkey. A similar award ceremony took place during the 2015 IUPAC Congress in August 2015 in Busan, Korea, where 12 women were so honored.

Awardees are selected based on excellence in basic or applied research, distinguished accomplishments in teaching or education, or demonstrated leadership or managerial excellence in the chemical sciences. The Awards Committee is particularly interested in nominees with a history of leadership and/or community service during their careers.

Nomination

Each nomination requires a primary nominator and two secondary nominators who must each write a letter of recommendation in support of the nomination. A CV of the nominee is required. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Presentation

Awardees are honored at an IUPAC World Chemistry Congress (held in odd-numbered years, the next to be held in Sao Paulo, [Brazil in 2017](#)) during a celebration in their honor and a symposium. Each awardee will receive a certificate of recognition.