

Call for Nominations: *Stratingh Award*

This award aims to recognize outstanding early-career researchers who have made significant contributions to the field of molecular chemistry within four years of completing their PhD and demonstrate exceptional potential to shape the future of the field.

Established by the *Stratingh Institute for Chemistry, University of Groningen*, the award celebrates postdoctoral scientists who are poised to become the next generation of academic leaders. The award is presented *biennially at the GroMoChem International Symposium*.

Eligibility

- Researchers who have completed their PhD no more than four years before the nomination deadline. *Career breaks for maternity, paternity, or parental leave will be considered, and the eligibility window will be extended accordingly.*
- Candidates must currently hold a postdoctoral or equivalent early-career research position.
- Nominees **must not** yet hold an academic appointment equivalent to group leader, assistant or associate professor.
- Research should primarily focus on molecular chemistry, broadly defined.
- Nominees must have at least two first-authored, high-quality, original research publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Award details

- A monetary prize of €1,000
- A certificate and an artwork presented by the *Stratingh Institute for Chemistry*
- Award lecture as part of plenary program at the [GroMoChem](#) international symposium, May 10-13th 2026 in Groningen (free registration, economy travel and accommodation covered)

Selection

Nominations will be evaluated by the *Scientific Board of the Stratingh Institute for Chemistry*. The committee will consider:

- Scientific excellence and originality of research contributions
- Creativity and vision
- Promise for future academic achievements

Nomination deadline: 28 February 2026, 17.00 pm

Announcement of winner: 2 April 2026

Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted by senior researchers or through self-nomination. Each nomination must include:

- A nomination letter (max. 1 page) clearly stating the reasons for nomination, highlighting the nominee's achievements, creativity, and potential to become a future leader in molecular chemistry
- For self-nominations, this letter serves as the personal statement addressing the same points
- A curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages)

- A one-page personal statement titled “Vision for the Future of Molecular Chemistry”
- At least one letter of recommendation

Combine all documents into a single PDF and submit to stratingh@rug.nl with the subject line “*Career Inception Award*” by **28 February 2026, 17.00 pm**.

Confidentiality

All nomination materials will be treated confidentially.
The decision of the selection committee is final.

Contact

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