



de Laeter Medal

**Call for nominations for the
2012 de Laeter Medal for an
outstanding contribution
to science teaching.**

The Medal

The Science Teachers' Association of WA invites all West Australian science teachers to consider nominating a STAWA member for the

2012 de Laeter Medal for an outstanding contribution to science teaching.

Inaugurated in 1998, the de Laeter Medal is one mechanism that formally recognises teachers who have made an outstanding contribution to science teaching in this State. This prestigious medal specifically recognises excellence in WA science teaching and seeks at the same time to enhance the status of the science teaching profession.

Criteria

A successful nominee for the de Laeter Medal will:

- have had at least three (3) years continuous membership of the Association to the time of application;
- be able to demonstrate outstanding classroom practice; and
- be able to demonstrate a significant contribution to the profession (through, for example, inter-staff development, professional association work, district or regional networks, involvement in other organisations with a science education interest).

It remains at the discretion of the Selection Panel to decide whether the best nominee is sufficiently meritorious to be awarded the Medal. One Medal only will be awarded each year.

The Application

The application must address the criteria and should be no more than four (4) A4 pages in length. It should also be supported by two (2) one-page (maximum) testimonials from:

- Another teacher (who need not be a STAWA member)
- A superordinate

A cover sheet from the person proposing the nominee will support the application (this person can also write a testimonial). Both the proposing member and the nominee should write and sign their names on the cover sheet.

Presentation

If awarded in 2012, the de Laeter Medal for an outstanding contribution to science teaching will be presented at the *STAWA Future Science* Conference at the University of Western Australia on Friday 30th November 2012.

In addition to receiving the Medal, the winner's name will be listed on the de Laeter Medal Honour Board that is permanently displayed in the STAWA office.

Closure

Completed applications to STAWA by **1st November 2012** and addressed to:
The President, STAWA, PO Box 7310, Karawara WA 6152