**The Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal**

**for outstanding young Quaternary scientists**

**Call for nominations for 2025 award**

Professor Sir Nicholas Shackleton –or ‘Nick’ as he preferred to be called- was one of the foremost Quaternary scientists in the world; his scientific legacy is in no need of elaboration. In recognition of his pivotal contributions to palaeoceanography and the verification of the global importance of Milankovitch cycles, Nick was elected to the Royal Society in 1985 and knighted by the Queen in 1998. The many prizes and citations he was accorded include the Crafoord Prize (1995), the Milankovitch Medal (1999), and the Blue Planet Prize (2005). In measure of his prestige, his image was selected as one of 10 to adorn a commemorative stamp collection (UK Royal Mail) which celebrated the 350th anniversary of the Royal Society, the world’s oldest continuous science academy. Nick served as President of INQUA from 1999 to 2003.

One of Nick’s most endearing qualities was his enthusiastic embrace of international collaboration and co-operation. This extended to unselfish mentoring and encouragement of young scientists, both at his home institution, Cambridge University, and elsewhere. It is for this reason that the Sir Nicholas Shackleton medal is dedicated to rewarding the achievements of outstanding young Quaternary scientists.

**Nominations procedure**

Nominations are invited for the 2025 Award of the Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal, which is awarded to an early-career scientist who will normally be less than 40 years of age or, if older, within 8 years of completing their first PhD project. Candidates may be working in any branch of Quaternary science. The process for nomination and evaluation is as follows:

**Nomination**

* In principle, any scientist working in Quaternary science, excluding members of the INQUA Executive, may propose an appropriate candidate for the Sir Nicholas Shackleton Medal.
* Proposals should include a summary and a short personal statement supporting the candidate, the curriculum vitae and list of publications of the nominee, and three letters of recommendation (see details on the nomination form below).
* Proposals should be submitted electronically, in a single .pdf file format, to the INQUA secretary Aritina Haliuc ([info@inqua.org](mailto:info@inqua.org))
* If you have any questions and would like to receive additional information, please contact the INQUA secretariat ([info@inqua.org](mailto:info@inqua.org)) or the Chair of the Award Committee, Dr. Laura Sadori ([laura.sadori@uniroma1.it](mailto:laura.sadori@uniroma1.it))

**Evaluation**

* Proposals will be evaluated by an Award Committee composed of members of the INQUA Executive (Dr. Laura Sadori, Dr. Maria-Fernanda Sanchez-Goni, Dr. Thijs van Kolfschoten, Dr. Sebastian Richiano, Dr. Opeyemi Adewumi) assisted where necessary by eminent Quaternary scientists, who will consider each case confidently and may seek further information.
* The Award Committee will shortlist the 3-4 most excellent applications and invite the candidates to give an online 15-minute oral research presentation.
* After completion of the evaluation, the Chairperson of the Awards Committee will send the recommendation of the Committee, together with a one-page summary and a short citation concerning the selected candidate, to the INQUA Executive.
* The President of INQUA will inform the medalist of the award in December 2025.

The medalist will be invited to the next General Assembly of the Union, where the medal will be presented.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is **1st October 2025**

The nomination form is available below.

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Statements of support are required from three nominators who should be independent persons from different national organisations, preferably (but not necessarily) from different countries. At least one of the nominators must be from an INQUA member country or region, not in default of INQUA fee payment. Please enter information in the boxes provided below.

The following documentation should accompany the nomination form:

* Letter of support from each nominator named above
* C*urriculum vitae* of the nominee, including a list of the nominee’s publications
* Short statement of major contributions to Quaternary research by the nominee.

All documentation (one single pdf file) should be sent to the INQUA secretariat (Dr. Aritina Haliuc), [info@inqua.org](mailto:info@inqua.org)

Closing date for receipt of this nomination is **1st October 2025**

**NOMINEE:**

Name (title, personal name, family name):

Position:

Address:

Email:

**NOMINATOR 1:**

Name (title, personal name, family name):

Position:

Address:

Email:

**NOMINATOR 2:**

Name (title, personal name, family name):

Position:

Address:

Email:

**NOMINATOR 3:**

Name (title, personal name, family name):

Position:

Address:

Email: