

SAAS-STAS Award for Excellence in Science Teaching 2014

Outstanding Science Teacher Award

This Award recognises teachers who are role models in the teaching and learning of Science. Principals may nominate outstanding teachers for this Award. The Outstanding Science Teacher Award (OSTA) is sponsored by the Singapore Association for the Advancement of Science (SAAS) and Science Teachers Association of Singapore (STAS).

Nominations for the OSTA 2014 are open from 27 January to 28 March 2014.

Please refer to the information sheet on pages 2-3 for the details of the Award. The nomination form must be completed and submitted to STAS in **4 sets of hard copy** (non-returnable) at the following address:

**The SAAS-STAS Award Secretariat
(Outstanding Science Teacher Awards)**
*Attention: Irene Tan, Master Teacher/Chemistry
Academy of Science Teachers
2, Malan Road
Singapore 109433*

Closing Date : 28 March 2014

We regret that incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted.

The objectives of the OSTA are to:

- Focus public attention on the positive aspects of Science education, thereby raising the public image of the teaching profession.
- Recognise and promote excellence in teaching practice.
- Honour dedicated, creative and effective teachers.
- Encourage best and next practice of Science in schools.
- Accord Singapore students and teachers the opportunity to show appreciation for outstanding teachers publicly.

Who are we looking for?

Nominees for the awards should be teachers who:

- ignite a love for Science in their students;
- use innovative methods to engage students in learning of Science; and
- are passionate about making Science interesting and relevant to students.

We invite you to fill in the nomination form together with a brief description of why you think this teacher deserves the Award.

There are two categories of awards:

1. Primary Science Teachers
2. Secondary/Junior College/ Centralised Institute Science Teachers

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Information Sheet

Award

- Award winners will each receive \$4000 for professional development*, a trophy and a certificate.
- *The winner is required to submit a report on how the Award has benefitted him or her. He or she will also be required to present their practices at platforms such as conferences and subject chapters as decided by STAS.
- The school which the Award winner is teaching in will receive \$1000 to be used for Science related programmes and a trophy.

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must:

- have at least 3 years of teaching experience;
- be in-service teachers who are currently teaching in Primary and Secondary schools, Junior Colleges or Centralised Institute.

Instructions on Nomination

The following documents are to be submitted:

- Completed nomination form;
- Supporting documents listed in Section D of the nomination form;
- Other supporting documents (if any) e.g. videos, photographs, resources, parents' testimonials; and
- Nominations must be made through the school principal.

Shortlisted teachers may be subjected to:

- An Interview and
- A Classroom Observation

All documents should be submitted in hard copy. Videos can be stored in a CD or thumb drive and be appended to the nomination form. All submissions should be in **4 sets** and sent to STAS by **28 March 2014, 5 pm**. The soft copy of the nomination form can be accessed at <http://www.stas.org.sg/>

Announcement of Winners

Winners will be notified in June and the awards will be presented at the Primary and Lower Secondary Science Fair in July. The judging panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

Code of Conduct

The Outstanding Science Teacher Award winners are to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

The award winner will:

- deal with media and public inquiries with respect to the Award in a fair, polite and non-partisan manner; and
- conduct himself / herself in a professional manner in accordance with the ethos and Code of Conduct for Singapore educators. Failure to do so will be seen as undermining the credibility and integrity of the OSTA, or to detract from the original conditions upon which the Award was given.

The award winner **shall not**:

- exploit his / her status as award winner for commercial gain;
- use the OSTA title without the explicit permission of SAAS and STAS;
- endorse or market products for commercial purposes; and
- abuse his / her status to advance or promote political views.

The award winner **must not** have been convicted of a criminal offence or given verbal or written warning by his or her Reporting Officers.

The above standards are fundamental to being selected as an award winner. If the award winner fails to abide by these standards, SAAS and STAS reserve the right to:

- remove the award winner's name / centre affiliation from its website and from any other publication it may use to promote outstanding professionals in Singapore, and / or
- revoke the OSTA. This will immediately apply in cases where a teacher has been dismissed for reasons of professional misconduct or a criminal offence.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please email jay_mahardale@moe.edu.sg

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NOMINATION FORM

Please complete Sections A–D. Incomplete submissions will not be entertained.

Section A: Details of School

Name of School	
Address	
Postal code	
Office no.	

Section B: Particulars of Nominee (Teacher)

Name of Teacher	* Dr / Mr / Mrs / Mdm / Ms		
NRIC / FIN		Nationality	
Contact no.	(O)		(M)
Email (ICON)			
Years of service in education		Years of service in current school	

Section C: Particulars of Nominator (School Principal)

Name of Nominator	* Dr / Mr / Mrs / Mdm / Ms		
School			
Contact	(O)		(M)
Email			

Declaration

I, _____, the Nominator, declare that all information contained in this nomination form is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate. I understand and agree that all documents submitted for this award are non-returnable. I also understand that photographs, videos and information submitted for this award may be published and used as promotional and informational materials by SAAS or STAS in relation to Science and Science education.

Signature of Nominator / Date: _____

Section D: Part 1

Reasons for Nomination

Tell us what you think is special about the teacher you have nominated. Please give examples and descriptions of what this teacher has done to make students enjoy Science and/or help them improve.

Section D: Part 2

Reasons for Nomination

Please provide examples of this teacher's innovative Science teaching methods or a vibrant and successful Science-related CCA or programme this teacher has conducted.