



ASPAC

Asia Pacific Network of Science & Technology Centres

Awards for

**Creative Science Communication and
Exhibition 2026**

What are these 2 awards given by ASPAC?

- **ASPAC Creative Science Communication Award 2026**

- The ASPAC Creative Science Communication Award is to encourage and reward creative live performances, science demonstrations, programmes, competitions, events or science festivals that aim to engage students or the general public with science through interactive activities.

- **ASPAC Creative Science Exhibit Award 2026**

- The ASPAC Creative Science Exhibit Award is to encourage and reward individual science exhibits or groups of science exhibits that effectively realize science popularization in a creative and interactive way. The project may include international hot issues or local topics to promote informal science education.

Who and What can be nominated?

- Nominations for the Creative Science Communication Award and Creative Science Exhibit Award can be made by any ASPAC Full Member who **can nominate a maximum of one project only for each of the Award categories each year.**
- **The project must be first implemented for science centre visitors/public usage on or after 1 January 2025.** The project can be independently developed by an ASPAC Full Member or jointly developed between ASPAC Full Members, Associate Members, Sustaining Members and/or non-members.

What will the nominee submit?

- A one-page description of the nominated entry (**PDF of nomination form is attached in the ASPAC email announcement**).
- Nomination materials for this Award must include a **PowerPoint file or a digital video file of no longer than 15 minutes or valid links to the files** describing the project, plus supporting materials such as concepts, key techniques and materials applied, benefits for specific audiences, and related educational materials as appropriate.
- Please note that the total size of all the materials should not exceed 1GB per nomination. If the material is submitted as a compressed archive, this should be in the common .zip format.

What are the criteria for the choice of Creative Science Communication and Science Exhibit Awards?

- After the closing of the nomination period (May 29, 2026), the ASPAC Executive Council jurors will evaluate the entries according to:
 - Scientific Accuracy: The submitted materials need to allow the judges to assess the quality of the science being presented in the project;
 - Creativity: The project should introduce science concepts and science methods in a vivid and innovative way;
 - Skills: Where appropriate for the type of project, the judges will assess communication skills and engagement of the audience, educational relevance and methodology, and artistic presentation. The project should present the science in an interesting and interactive way that is relevant and appropriate for the audience;
 - Validity
- The project should be relevant and have application in the real world, and the submitted materials should illustrate how the visitors responded and benefited from it.
- All decisions of the jury are final, including the decision of not choosing any Award recipient. A maximum of three recipients will be given to each of the two Creative Awards in 2026.

What are the Nomination Procedures and Deadlines?

- Nomination for the Creative Awards must be made by completing the nomination form which should be signed by the head of the institution. All materials should be in digital format and submitted through email to :

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- Nomination form and supporting material for the 2026 Awards must be received **on or before 29 May 2026**.
- Nominees who are shortlisted for the Creative Awards will be informed on or before **19 June 2026**, so they can have a chance to attend or be represented at the Award Ceremony at ASPAC 2026.
- Any request of information related to this Awards scheme can be made to :
 - **Bobby.Cerini@questacon.edu.au**