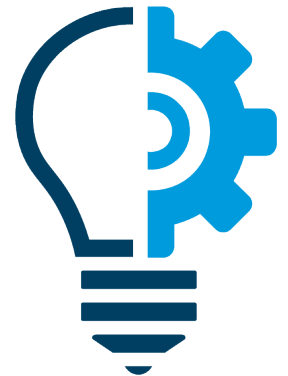


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Are you ready to apply to achieve your electrochemical energy storage goals?

Eligibility

To be eligible for an Energy Renaissance Innovator Award you must:

- Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident over the age of 18
- Be involved in activities related to electrochemical energy storage
- Be a subscriber or member of the Australian Battery Society
- Have a proposal for an investigative project, plan to attend a conference (local or international), plan to visit a company or research institution or plan to attend a course. All proposed or planned activities must be related to electrochemical energy storage.
- Be willing to share your findings and learnings with the Australian Battery community.

Application Assessment

For your application to be successful, it is imperative that it meets the selection criteria. Every application for an Energy Renaissance Award will be assessed on its merits. In this assessment the ABS considers two distinct components of equal value:

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- The need for this Activity in Australia
- The benefits of the Activity to electrochemical energy storage in Australia
- The achievability and impact of the proposed project / study or conference.

Applicant

Which may include:

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- Ability to maximise the opportunity of the Award
- Ability and commitment to make a difference after the trip (ongoing involvement in the field, leadership qualities, a strategic approach, building networks)
- Ability and commitment to widely disseminate findings.

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All applications need to be made using the online application form accessible from the Australian Battery Society website.

If applying online presents difficulties, please contact the Australian Battery Society to discuss your situation as support or reasonable adjustment can be provided.

Using a different method to apply can only be considered in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Directors of the ABS.



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About the ABS

Founded in 2018, the Australian Battery Society aims to bring together scientists, engineers, industry, government and the community to push forward our adoption of battery technologies, increase our understanding of batteries and battery systems, and to engage in the current and next generation of devices and applications.



In partnership with Energy Renaissance, the Energy Renaissance Innovator Award seeks to support some of the key goals of the Australian Battery Society, namely networking and collaboration, sharing of information through seminars and publications, showcasing members' activities, innovations and developments, and international conference travel and skills training (including TAFE training).

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About Energy Renaissance

Energy Renaissance has a vision of clean, stored, energy everywhere, driven by a belief that renewable energy storage is the key to a renaissance in the way we power vehicles, industry, government and communities for a sustainable future.



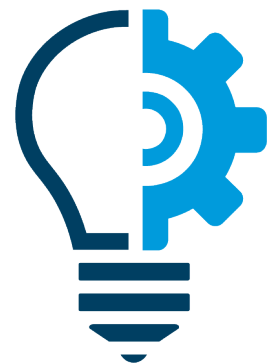
Founded in 2015, Energy Renaissance invents and manufactures lithium battery technology, powered by Australian people and resources, for a better economy, society and the environment.

At the heart of our business is our people. We encourage bold thinking and welcome the hard work of exploration and challenging the orthodox. We are inclusive and collaborative and empower people to thrive. We think smarter not harder to create innovative solutions that solve real problems.

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The Australian Battery Society is proud to partner with Energy Renaissance in the development of the Energy Renaissance Innovator Award to support our subscribers and members to achieve their electrochemical energy storage goals for the betterment of the Australian battery community and Australia as a whole.

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Application Requirements.

The following information provides guidelines for applicants of the Energy Renaissance Innovator Award (**Award**).

1. GENERAL

1.1 Citizenship. Awards are offered to Australian Citizens and Permanent Residents only.

1.2 Age. Awards are granted to applicants over the age of 18 years. No upper age limit is prescribed.

1.3 To be considered for the Award. Applicants need to be a subscriber to the Australian Battery Society and involved in activities relating to the Field of Electrochemical Energy Storage. This may include being enrolled at a tertiary institution completing a Masters or PhD qualification, TAFE course, employed in the course of their work, involved in policy or education activities related to electrochemical energy storage.

1.3 Ineligible. Directors, employees or relatives of the directors or employees of the Australian Battery Society and its associated sponsors, and Energy Renaissance Pty. Ltd. are ineligible for the Award. If an Applicant has received the Award, they will be ineligible to apply for another Award.

1.4 Tertiary Qualifications. Awards will not be awarded to enable the applicant to obtain/complete tertiary qualifications eg. PhD. However, the Award may be used towards training courses that support the Awardee's activity (see point 1.5 for more detail).

1.5 Nature of Activity. The Award will be provided for the purpose of pursuing an investigative project, attending a conference (local or overseas), visiting a company or research institution, or attending a course related to the field of electrochemical energy storage. Awards will be granted in the following areas:

- i. Battery minerals, discovery to recovery, beneficiation of minerals, (i.e. spodumene to LiOH / Li₂CO₃)
- ii. Battery Chemistry i.e. cathode, anode, electrolyte, separator materials development
- iii. Prototyping of batteries i.e. cell fabrication and testing
- iv. Design of battery packs, incl. development of safety and control systems, such as battery management systems
- v. Deployment and use of batteries, i.e. energy storage on the grid, vehicles, disruptive mobility, etc.



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- vi. Recycling of batteries
- vii. Policy development, contributions to STEM at Primary and Secondary school levels and other associated activities.

The Award can be used to explore any electrochemical energy storage chemistry type, i.e. Lithium, Sodium, Calcium, Aluminium, Redox-Flow, etc.

1.6 Citizens Overseas. An applicant who is an Australian Citizen, temporarily overseas, will be considered for an Award.

1.7 Joint and Multiple Applications. Awards are awarded to individual applicants only and for individual Activities only. An applicant can only lodge one application per year.

1.8 Amount of Award. The value of the award is A\$ 2,500. See point 3 for more detail.

1.9 Support from Other Sources. The Award is separate to any other Support that might be received by the Awardee and may be held concurrently.

1.10 Duration of Award. The Award is for the duration of the calendar year in which it is awarded. Should an Awardee require additional time beyond this to fulfil the plans submitted in their application, this will be at their own expense.

1.11 Continuous Travel. An Award including a travel component must be taken as one continuous journey from / within Australia.

1.12 All Decisions are Final. The decision of the Award is at the sole discretion of the Australian Battery Society and all decisions on allocation of awards are final. No correspondence will be entered into with unsuccessful applicants.

2. CONDITIONS OF AWARD

2.1 Contract. The Award is subject to the Awardee agreeing to be bound by the conditions laid down in a Contract document signed between the Australian Battery Society and the Awardee. An Award cannot commence, nor initial payment be made, until the Australian Battery Society receives an executed copy of the Contract document from the Awardee.

2.2 Use of Image. As part of the grant of the Award, you consent and provide permission to the Australian Battery Society and Energy Renaissance Pty Ltd to use your image and story to promote the Award and related activities.

2.3 Privacy Policy. By submitting an application, you have read and agreed to the Australian Battery Society Privacy Policy <https://australianbatterysociety.org/privacy-policy/>



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3. PAYMENT OF THE AWARD

3.1 Initial Payment. On completion of the Contract document, A\$ 2000 will be paid to the Awardee.

3.2 Final Payment. On completion of the Award and submission of the Final Report to the Australian Battery Society, the final A\$ 500 will be paid to the Awardee.

3.3 Direct Transfer. The Award will be paid electronically into the Awardee's nominated bank account.

4. TRAVEL

4.1 Domestic and International Travel. We recommend that all Awardees have appropriate levels of Travel Insurance suitable for their destination(s). The Australian Battery Society and / or Energy Renaissance Pty. Ltd. will not be responsible for any loss or injury incurred by the Awardee as a result of their travel. All Awardees travel is at their own risk.

5. TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR AWARDEES

5.1 Income Tax. The liability of an Awardee for Income Tax is a matter for decision by the Commissioner of Taxation and the Australian Battery Society or Energy Renaissance Pty. Ltd. has no responsibility or authority in the matter. The Australian Battery Society recommends that Awardees keep receipts for all expenditure during their Award and seek independent advice with respect to their eligibility for claiming tax deductions.

6. ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

The purpose of the application form is to enable the Australian Battery Society and Energy Renaissance Pty Ltd. to assess the applicant and the outline of the proposed project to draw up short-lists for the Award. All applications must be made using the online application form.

7. REFEREE REPORTS

The applicant is required to obtain a Project Reference and a Personal Reference as part of the application process.

References must be requested by the applicant and uploaded to the Application portal in a pdf form. No editing of the reference is permitted by you as the applicant.

The Australian Battery Society and Energy Renaissance Pty. Ltd. reserve the right to contact the applicants referees to assess the veracity of the reference provided.



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We recommend that you identify your referees and make your requests for references early in the application process to allow sufficient time for your referees to write and lodge the references online prior to the closing date.

It is preferable to utilise Australian Citizens as referees.

8. APPLICATION ARCHIVE

All documentation forming any part of an Energy Renaissance Innovator Award application becomes the property of the Australian Battery Society and will be archived electronically.

9. COMPETITION AND FURTHER APPLICATION

The awarding of Energy Renaissance Innovator Award is a competitive process.

If your Award application is unsuccessful, we encourage you to consider applying again in a future round.

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Selection Process.

Applications open on October 29th and close on December 17th. All applications are acknowledged by automated email when lodged online. Every application is assessed by a selection panel. The selection panel is free to make any enquiries and consult with whoever they consider necessary in making their assessments.

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The panel will then choose 10 Awardees across all the domains within the field of electrochemical energy storage. Winners will be contacted by email. Selection of Energy Renaissance Innovator Award winners and the procedures undertaken are at the absolute discretion of the Australian Battery Society.

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified promptly.

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Application Guidelines.

Starting your Application

If you are not already a subscriber to the Australian Battery Society, then you will need to sign up. <https://australianbatterysociety.org/subscribe-to-the-abs/> Only subscribers or members can apply for an Energy Renaissance Innovator Award.

We recommend you use a personal email address when you sign up in preference to a work email address to ensure you receive all automated emails associated with the online application process. Always check your junk email folder should you not receive automated emails. Generic email addresses should be avoided.

Helpful Hints

Please familiarise yourself with the Application Requirements on pages 4 to 7 of this guide and refer to our Privacy Policy which can be found on our website at <https://australianbatterysociety.org/privacy-policy/> as you will need to acknowledge and accept them before lodgement.

- All mandatory fields need to be completed to move through the form. Sections answered with 'to be advised' will not be considered.
- Character limits including spaces are set on all questions. Ensure you are succinct with your answers and avoid jargon and abbreviations. Keep acronyms to a minimum.
- Your application is confined to the form, do not upload CVs, photos, letters of support, presentations or any other documentation that is not requested.
- You will require both a Personal Reference and a Project Reference to apply for an Award. Refer to the advice on page 11 and 12.
- You will receive an email confirmation following lodgement of your application.
- **At present, it is not possible to save a partially completed application and come back to it. We recommend that you prepare your responses offline and then paste them into the form before submission, so you do not lose your work.**

Completing the Online Form

<https://australianbatterysociety.org/innovatoraward/form/>

Personal Information

Please tell us about yourself. We'd like to get know you, so your bio should include:

- A mention of your position in life, what you are aspire to doing in the field of electrochemical energy storage.
- A mention of your current work position (if relevant) or current studies
- A mention of at least one professional accomplishment (if relevant) or a key Award (if relevant).
- A sentence showing your values and why you do what you do



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General Information

4. Please provide information related to your Current position, together with your supervisor / manager as appropriate.
- 5 & 6. If you are enrolled in a Masters or PhD study by thesis, please provide the working title for your studies.
7. Please select the battery technology that you are interested in.
8. Please select the relevant part of the battery value chain that relates to your thesis / work and activity area that you are applying for.

Qualifications

9. Please enter your last three educational qualifications. Enter the year you graduated and the relevant qualification, i.e. Bachelor of Science (Hons), Bachelor of Engineering (Materials), etc. and the institution that you received this qualification from.
10. Awards – please enter your last three awards you have received, noting the year, the title of the Award and the institution that Awarded you. If you have no Awards, this will not disqualify you in anyway.

Your Application

11. Please enter the Title of your application. A succinct title that captures the essence of what you want to do is ideal. **50 words max.**
12. Summary of your proposed Activity. A short summary that describes the Activity you wish to undertake, what you seek to achieve from undertaking the Activity, what benefits will be achieved and how you will communicate the outcomes of your Activity. **100 words max.**
13. Why do you want to do this Activity? Describe how this activity adds to your current research / employment / training? What excites you about the potential of this Activity? What is the benefit to the Australian the electrochemical energy storage community? Share your passion for electrochemical energy storage with us! **200 words max.**
14. What new knowledge and / or skills do you hope to gain from having this Award? What opportunities is this Award opening for you personally? How will this improve your research / training / work activities that you are engaged in day-to-day. **200 words max.**
15. Does your application include conference attendance? If yes, please provide details of the conference, including the name, dates of attendance and the registration fee. Also attach a brochure or weblink for reference.
16. Does your application include overseas travel? If yes, please provide details of where you will be travelling, specifically what countries and cities you'll visit, companies / institutions you'll visit and what these groups are involved in. **200 words max.**



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17. How will your Award benefit the development of Battery technologies in Australia? What do you hope to learn and how does this add to the story of battery development in the battery value chain domain you selected (question 8) in Australia? **200 words max.**

18. How will you disseminate the learnings from your Award? This is important – how will you share your learnings with the Australian Battery Society community, other groups or persons within the battery community about what you have learnt? This can be via publication, blogs, presentations, videos, teaching materials, policy positions, LinkedIn posts, whatever you might like. We value creativity to cut through the noise! **200 words max.**

References

19. A Personal Referee is preferably an Australian Citizen living in Australia who:

- knows the applicant in a professional capacity
- has knowledge of the applicant's professional achievements
- has knowledge of the applicant's personal qualities.

A Personal Reference should include the referee's knowledge and opinion regarding:

- the personal and professional qualities of the applicant
- the professional achievements and merit of the applicant in their profession
- the applicant's commitment to their profession
- how the applicant will benefit professionally from an Energy Renaissance Innovator Award

The Referee is asked to stipulate the type of reference being provided on the letter as well as providing an email address and contact number in the event the Australian Battery Society seeks to speak to the referee.

20. Professional OR Project Referee is preferably an Australian Citizen living in Australia who:

- is familiar with the field and topic of the proposed activity
- has knowledge of the applicant's standing in the field of their proposed activity and
- has knowledge of the importance of the proposed activity to the Australian community.

A Professional Reference should include the referee's knowledge and opinion regarding:

- the merit of the proposed project / conference / course attendance
- why the proposed project / conference / course attendance is necessary, and
- how the applicant and the Australian battery community would benefit from the proposed project being completed.



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The Referee is asked to stipulate the type of reference being provided as well as providing an email address and contact number in the event the Australian Battery Society seeks to speak to the referee.

You will not be able to lodge your application until one of each type of reference is received within the application system and all other sections of the form are completed.

Declarations

All declarations **must** be completed prior to submission, so please ensure that you have:

- Read and accepted the Australian Battery Society Privacy Statement and Application Requirements and Guidelines
- That you understand that your referees may be contacted by the ABS as part of the selection process
- That the information provided is true and correct. You accept that the ABS has the right to reject an application or retract the Award, on the basis of false or misleading information forming any part of the Energy Renaissance Innovator Award application.

If you are all done, then click submit! You'll receive acknowledgement of your application and the team at the Australian Battery Society will get cracking on assessing your application.

We wish you all the best with your application and you'll hear from us at the end of January as to whether you are successful or not.