



Dear Professor,

We are delighted to welcome nominations for the Qian Baojun Fiber Award. Mr. Qian Baojun (1907-1996) is a renowned polymer and fiber scientist as well as educationist in China. He was the president of East China Textile Institute of Science and Technology (subsequently Donghua University), and also made outstanding contributions to materials science of fibers. In order to commemorate Mr. Qian Baojun's career and spirit, and also to promote sustainable development in the field of fiber materials, the Qian Baojun Fiber Award was established by the State Key Laboratory of Fiber Materials Modification (Donghua University) in 2015. The Qian Baojun Fiber Award hopes to encourage domestic and foreign scholars who have made outstanding contributions to basic research, transformation of scientific and technological achievements as well as talents cultivation in the field of fiber materials.

The Qian Baojun Fiber Award is given out once every two years, recognizing research excellence in the field of fiber-related sciences. It consists of two separate categories: the Distinguished Achievement Award and the Young Scholar Award.

***Distinguished Achievement Award (one quota)***

- Recognizes Distinguished Professional Achievement in basic or applied fiber science.
- The recipient will receive USD 10,000 and a certificate.

***Young Scholar Award (two quota)***

- Recognizes Young Scholar (< 45 years of age) who have made outstanding contributions to the science, engineering, and technology of fibers, and fiber-based developments for materials and devices.
- The recipient will receive USD 3,000 and a certificate.

The establishment of the Qian Baojun Fiber Award was first announced at the International Conference on the Advanced Fibers and Polymer Materials (ICAFPM) in 2017, which was subsequently conferred at Donghua University in 2018. Professor Pieter J. Lemstra (Eindhoven University of Technology) and Dr. Paul Smith (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich) co-shared the Qian Baojun Distinguished Achievement Award for their contributions in inventing gel spun ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene fibers. Professor Gao Chao (Zhejiang University) and Professor Fabien Sorin (Swiss federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne) were conferred the Qian Baojun Young Scholar Award, for their contributions in graphene and multifunctional optical fibers, respectively. The second awarding ceremony of Qian Baojun Fiber Award was announced on the ICAFP in 2019. Professor Dr. Darrell H. Reneker (The University of



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Akron) was conferred the Qian Baojun Distinguished Achievement Award for his contribution to electrospinning technique. Professor Peng Huisheng (Fudan University) and Professor Il-Doo Kim (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) were conferred the Qian Baojun Young Scholar Award for their contributions to fiber-shaped energy harvesting devices and multi-component ceramic nanofibers respectively. (Please check the Qian Baojun's website for details, <http://qianbaojun.dhu.edu.cn/www/list.htm>).

The nominations for the Third Qian Baojun Fiber Award are currently in progress. Attached please find the guidelines and nomination forms for the Qian Baojun Fiber Award. We hope that you can review all the criteria and nominate the person(s) you believe to be the most deserving of the recognition. Please submit your nomination(s) by email to Dr. Rujia Zou ([qianfiberaward@dhu.edu.cn](mailto:qianfiberaward@dhu.edu.cn)). The submission deadline is July 15, 2021.

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Advanced Fibers and Polymer Materials (ICAFPM 2021) conference, which will be held from 17-20 October, 2021, in Donghua University (Songjiang Campus), Shanghai, China. The Qian Baojun Fiber Award will be presented for the third time at ICAFPM 2021 (Website : <https://mm.scimeeting.cn/en/minisite/index/11591>).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Rujia Zou ([qianfiberaward@dhu.edu.cn](mailto:qianfiberaward@dhu.edu.cn)). We will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

Prof. Meifang Zhu,

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Chairperson of Executive committee of Qian Baojun Fiber Award

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