

Atoco launches Reticular Science Prize

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the science, engineering, computing, and artificial intelligence of modular molecular materials

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This July, deep-tech company Atoco announced the launch of the Reticular Science Prize. The company, which commercializes discoveries in reticular materials, wants to celebrate innovation and scientific discovery in the fields of metal-organic frameworks, covalent organic frameworks, and other organic and inorganic solid materials.

“With the Reticular Science Prize, our goal is to shine a light on the creativity and innovation driving the field of reticular chemistry, including engineering, computation, and AI. We want to recognize those scientists whose work is changing how we understand and construct materials at the molecular level,” Omar Yaghi, professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and pioneer of reticular chemistry, says. “This field has unlocked entirely new possibilities for solving real-world problems—whether it’s capturing carbon, generating water out of air, or storing energy. By honoring these achievements, we hope to not only celebrate excellence but also to inspire continued exploration and collaboration across disciplines. The prize is a way of saying that the future of materials science is being written now, and we want to encourage those who are writing it.” The prize will be

awarded biennially, with each recipient receiving a monetary award of \$5,000, a certificate, and a 50 g gold medal. The inaugural prize will be presented at the International Metal-Organic Frameworks conference in New Orleans in 2026, where the winner will give a lecture on their research.

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The prize is open to researchers at all career stages, and submissions will be evaluated on originality, impact, and innovation. The submission deadline for the 2026 prize nominations is Oct. 1 at 5:00 p.m. (PT). More details, including nomination requirements and submission instructions, are available at atoco.com/reticular-science-prize.

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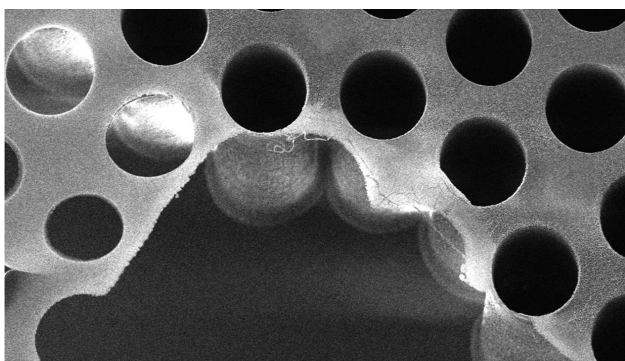
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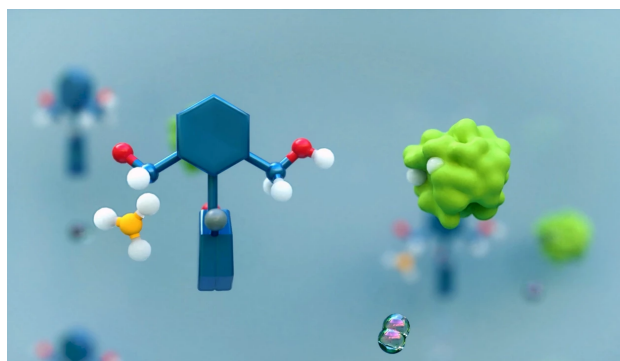
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