



## About the Clarke Prize



The Clarke Prize is named after Mrs. Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke, a native Southern Californian who was active in business and philanthropy. As co-founder of the National Water Research Institute (NWRI), Mrs. Clarke recognized the vital importance of water and promoted better water science and technology.

In honor of her vision, NWRI established the Clarke Prize in 1993 to recognize scientists and researchers who best exemplify Mrs. Clarke's dedication to finding solutions to the nation's water resource problems. The Clarke Prize consists of a medallion and \$50,000 prize.

The Clarke Prize is distinguished by the International Congress of Distinguished Awards as one of the most prestigious water awards in the world.

## 2021 Nomination Requirements

- The nominee must be active in research, technology, or policy that focuses on the discovery, development, improvement, and/or understanding of issues around water quality, quantity, technology, or public policy.
- The nominee must work in the United States or have a significant body of work in the United States.
- The recipient will deliver the annual Clarke Prize Lecture at the award ceremony on October 28, 2021, in Irvine, California.

## Selection Criteria

The Clarke Prize Executive Committee carefully considers all qualified nominees. Clarke Prize nominees work in fields that include engineering, physical and chemical science,



biological science, health science, political science, and planning and public policy. The Executive Committee reviews nominees based on the following four criteria:

- Career Accomplishments
- Current Research or Policy Endeavors
- Public Outreach
- Leadership in Water Issues

Please see the Nomination Questionnaire included in this packet for details.

## Dates to Remember

**Nomination Deadline** August 27, 2021

**Clarke Prize Awarded** October 28, 2021

## Nomination Package Details

**Nomination packets are available at [on the NWRI website](#).** Each nomination package must be submitted in English and must include the following items:

### 1. 2021 Clarke Prize Nomination Cover Letter and Cover Sheet

The primary nominator will draft a two-page personal cover letter. The letter does not need to exhaustively describe the nominee's qualifications; that information should be included in the nomination criteria. The accompanying cover sheet identifies the nominee, nominator, and three people who are submitting letters of recommendation.

### 2. Nomination Criteria

To focus nominations on relevant criteria and to help the executive committee select the 2021 Clarke Prize laureate, nominators will provide brief written descriptions of the nominee's:

- ***Career Accomplishments.*** The nominee's top three career accomplishments.
- ***Current Research or Policy Endeavors.*** A description of the nominee's active engagement in current research and/or policy endeavors.
- ***Public Outreach.*** A description of how the nominee has worked to increase public awareness of water issues.
- ***Leadership in Water Issues.*** Examples of how the nominee has demonstrated leadership that advances a safe and sustainable water supply.

### 3. Three Letters of Recommendation

The nomination cover sheet must list the names of three people who will submit letters of recommendation for the nominee. Recommendation letters will include a brief, detailed summary of why the nominee is an ideal candidate for the Clarke Prize and must follow the four nomination criteria (see no. 2, above). The executive committee will only accept letters of recommendation from the three people listed on the nomination cover sheet; nominations without letters from all three will be disqualified. Also, please note:

- a. Letters of recommendation from members of the Clarke Prize Executive Committee are prohibited.
- b. Only one letter of recommendation may be submitted from the same institution as the nominee. If the nominator is from the same institution as the nominee, then no letters of recommendation from that institution are permitted.

**Download the 2021 Clarke Prize Nomination Packet from the [NWRI website](#).**

- c. All letters of recommendation must be no more than two pages and should be: (i) addressed to the Clarke Prize Executive Committee; (ii) submitted in PDF format; (iii) submitted on letterhead of the nominator's institution; (iv) electronically signed; and (v) submitted along with the completed Clarke Prize Nomination Package.

#### **4. Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae of the Nominee**

Please limit the curriculum vitae (CV) and publications list to three pages, combined. The publications list does not need to be exhaustive but should highlight the nominee's most important work. Honors, awards, and publications should be listed in the CV, but limit them to keynote presentations and peer-reviewed journal publications. All submissions should help the Executive Committee select the Clarke Prize laureate.

#### **5. Total pages for the nomination packet**

<b>Page description</b>	<b>number of pages</b>
Cover letter	2
Nomination cover sheet	2
Nomination criteria	2
Letters of Recommendation (3 total)	6
Resume/CV and publications list	3
<b>Total pages in Nomination Packet</b>	<b>15</b>

#### **Submission Process**

Please combine all nomination materials into a single PDF and email them to the Clarke Prize Coordinator at [mcollins@nwri-usa.org](mailto:mcollins@nwri-usa.org) by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on **August 27, 2021**. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Nominations are considered incomplete if any items listed in the nomination package, including letters of recommendation, are missing.

#### **Contact Information**

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## **Nomination Rollover Policy**

Nominees are eligible for consideration for up to three years—the year they are nominated and two years after. The Executive Committee will ask all rollover nominees to update their Clarke Prize Nomination Package by August 27, 2021.

After the three-year period, the nominee will be considered ineligible for re-nomination for two years. For example, a person nominated in 2021 will also be considered in 2022 and 2023. They will be eligible for re-nomination in 2026.

## **About the Clarke Prize Award Ceremony**

The 2021 Clarke Prize award ceremony will be held at the Beckman Center of the National Academies of Sciences & Engineering in Irvine, California, on October 28, 2021. The 2021 Clarke Prize Laureate will deliver the Clarke Prize lecture, along with brief presentations from NWRI and the Joan Irvine Smith & Athalie R. Irvine Clarke Foundation.

*Updated July 12, 2021*



The Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize  
for Outstanding Achievement in Water Science and Technology

## 2021 Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke Prize Nomination Cover Sheet

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### 1) Nominee Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ PhD ☐ PE  
☐ ScD ☐ DEE

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) Nominator Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ PhD ☐ PE  
☐ ScD ☐ DEE

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) Three Letters of Recommendation

#### Reference 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reference 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## Letters of Recommendation *(continued)*

### Reference 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Nomination Package Checklist

Please ensure the following items are included with your nomination package:

- ☐ 2021 Clarke Prize Nomination Cover Letter (two pages)
- ☐ 2021 Clarke Prize Nomination Cover Sheet (two pages)
- ☐ Clarke Prize nomination criteria (two pages)
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation (six pages)
- ☐ Resume/CV and publications list (three pages)

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- Email the PDF to [mcollins@nwri-usa.org](mailto:mcollins@nwri-usa.org) by 5:00 pm Pacific Time on August 27, 2021.



## **Clarke Prize Nomination Criteria**

Please provide brief, specific descriptions in the following four categories. Responses for all four categories must not exceed two pages total.

**Career Accomplishments:** List the top three career accomplishments of the nominee.

**Current Research or Policy Endeavors:** Explain how the nominee is actively engaged in water research or policy endeavors.

**Public Outreach:** Describe how the nominee has worked to increase public knowledge about water issues.

**Leadership in Water Issues:** Give some short examples of how the nominee has demonstrated leadership that advances a safe and sustainable water supply.