

Environmental Science & Technology Presents the 2018 Reviewer Awards

It should be obvious to anyone who has ever published a paper, but the thing that differentiates a good journal from a great journal is the quality of its peer review. The editors of *Environmental Science & Technology* rely upon peer reviewers who have the experience needed to critically evaluate an experimental approach, to identify shortcomings in data interpretation, and to objectively assess the long-term importance of a contribution. We also appreciate reviewers who can achieve this kind of excellence in a timely manner.

Our community is the engine that keeps the peer-review system running. This year, we obtained reviews from over 6000 academics and researchers working in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors worldwide. Most of our reviewers are already regular readers who occasionally publish in the journal. From this group, our request for reviewing assistance is modest: Over 80% of our peer reviewers completed just one or two reviews during the past year. But a dedicated group of around 200 experts completed six or more reviews. Although this only accounted for about 4% of the reviews that we received, the extra efforts of these dedicated professionals was critical to our success. These hard-working reviewers received multiple requests to review papers because our editors remember the experts who provide reviews that improve a good but not-quite-ready-for-publication paper or identify a fatal flaw in an experimental design or data analysis procedure. It is from this group that we tend to find the reviewers who deserve extra recognition.

Our awards fall into two categories: an annual “Excellence in Review” award, which was established in 2003 to recognize contributions during a single year; and a “Super Reviewer Award,” which was first awarded in 2011 to reviewers who consistently make major contributions to the journal over multiple years. We are grateful to both groups and celebrate their contributions with these awards.

■ SUPER REVIEWER AWARD

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