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Call for Nomination – 2026 Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award (submission deadline 12/31/2025)

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to request your help in soliciting highly qualified candidates to apply for the 2026 Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award, an annual Outstanding Achievement Award administered by American Welding Society (AWS). This award recognizes one individual *who has made significant contributions in the advancement of the science and technology of materials joining through research and development*. To be eligible for the 2026 award, the candidate must be born in 1986 or later (i.e., 40 years old or younger in the award year). The candidate need not be a member of AWS and may live in any part of the world.

Typical nomination packets consist of the following:

1. Nomination letter (the candidate is usually nominated by another individual, and the letter provides background on the candidate and qualifications)
2. Two to three letters of support (these letters are optional but are commonly included)
3. CV for candidate (Please include the birth year on the first page of CV to verify that he/she is 40 years old or younger for the award year. *For privacy consideration, please do not include the full birth date*)

The nomination deadline for the 2026 Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award is **December 31, 2025**. Please email your nomination packet to Prof. Wei Zhang zhang.3978@osu.edu and nationalawards@aws.org. The award will be presented at the 2026 FABTECH show that will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. from October 21–23, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Wei Zhang and Prof. Adrian Gerlich, co-chairs for Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award, at their email addresses below.

Sincerely,

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