August 31, 2026

Call for Nomination – 2027 Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award (submission deadline 12/31/2026)

Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to request your help in soliciting highly qualified candidates to apply for the 2027 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 2027 award, the candidate must be born on or after 01/01/1987 (i.e., 40 years old or younger by the award year). The candidate may or may 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 2027 Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award is **December 31, 2026**. Please email your nomination packet to nationalawards@aws.org with a copy to the co-chairs. The award will be presented at the 2027 FABTECH show that will be held in September 2027 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the co-chairs for Professor Koichi Masubuchi Award at their email addresses below.

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