

2025 STANSW Young Scientist Awards

Matt Warnes SHORE - Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Project Title: Material-Specific Effects Of Electrode Surface Roughness On Electrical Efficiency And Flow Rate In MHD Propulsion

Year 11 to 12 Scientific Investigations - Physics

Dear Matt,

Congratulations on being part of this year's Young Scientist Awards and for the thought, care, and originality you brought to your project. You've demonstrated genuine initiative in designing and carrying out your own ideas – an achievement that reflects both curiosity and persistence.

Our judges reviewed your project in detail, considering how clearly you explored your question, how well you supported your conclusions, and how effectively you communicated your process. Their feedback below highlights the aspects that were particularly strong and offers suggestions to help you extend your thinking even further – much like the peer review process used in professional research.

The strengths of your project include:

- communicating through clear and meaningful use of language appropriate to the investigation and to the audience
- providing evidence of critical thinking to synthesise information and to argue the merits of conclusions

Next time, you could make your project even better by:

- clearly identifying what assistance has been given to you

Thank you for sharing your work with us, it is a testament to your growing capability as an investigator, communicator, and creative thinker. We hope this experience strengthens your confidence and inspires you to keep pursuing questions that matter to you..

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Philippa Miller'.

Philippa Miller

Young Scientist Coordinator