

Dr Debbie Silvester is an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellow and Senior Lecturer at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. She received her PhD in 2008 from Oxford University (supervisor: Richard Compton), and then briefly worked in industry for Schlumberger Cambridge Research, UK. She joined Curtin University as a Curtin Research Fellow in 2009. She has published 57 papers, 2 book chapters and 1 patent in her career so far, mainly focused on electrochemistry, ionic liquids and sensing. Her work has attracted over 2,500 citations, with a H-index of 26 and an average of 44.9 citations per paper (Google Scholar, October 2017). She has secured almost \$4 million of research funding as a lead or co-investigator, including two prestigious ARC fellowships.

She has won a number of awards for her research, including: Electrochimica Acta Travel Award for Young Electrochemists (2011); ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (2012-2017); Pro-Vice Chancellor's Early Career Researcher of the Year Award (2012); Woodside Early Career Scientist of the Year Finalist (2013); AM Bond Medal, from the Electrochemical Division of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI) (2013); Emerging Investigator, Analytical Methods (2015); Emerging Investigator, Analyst (2016); ARC Future Fellowship (2017-2022).

Debbie is the current secretary for the Electrochemistry Division of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (RACI, since July 2017); a member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (since 2012); a member of the International Society of Electrochemistry (since 2009); the seminar co-ordinator for the Department of Chemistry at Curtin (since July 2016). She has co-organised three RACI-sponsored conferences, and has recently accepted an invitation to be on the editorial board of *Scientific Reports*.

She has also been involved in outreach activities focused on attracting women into science careers – as a panel member for “Inspiring Women in STEMM Careers” for Curtin Open Day 2017, and for the “Athena Swan Event” for Curtin Research and Innovation Week 2017. Outside of work, she is a mum to two daughters aged 3 and 5. Debbie hopes to be the first female representative of the Australia/New Zealand Region of the ISE.