

Markku Leskelä

recipient of the Academy Award 2014

Markku Leskelä (born 1950) has been professor of inorganic chemistry at the University of Helsinki since 1990. After completing his doctorate at Helsinki University of Technology in 1980, he was associate professor at the University of Oulu from 1979 to 1986, when he was appointed to a professorship at the University of Turku. He has also been a visiting professor on various occasions during his career: at the Utrecht University in 1983, the University of Florida in 1987–1988 and the Pierre & Marie Curie University in Paris in 1999. He was a research professor with the Academy of Finland in 2004–2009.

Markku Leskelä's research has covered a broad range of topics in chemistry, but the

principal emphasis in recent years has been on nanomaterials and their manufacture. His list of publications has more than 600 entries, and he was awarded an honourable mention from the Information Sciences Institute in 2004 as an "ISI Highly Cited Author" in the field of materials science. He also has a number of patents registered in his name. He received the Magnus Ehrnrooth Prize in 2002 and the international ALD Prize from the American Vacuum Society in 2012 for his work in developing thin films and nanomaterials.

Professor Markku Leskelä has been a member of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters since 1991 and has served for some time as chairman of its chemistry group.

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