

SULSA ECR Prize - Guidelines

Scope

SULSA wish to award outstanding early career scientists whose work shows excellent potential to make an impact in the field of life sciences.

This prize allows exceptional postdocs to raise their profile in Scotland and have a prestigious award on their CV. It includes a fully-funded tour of three Scottish Universities where the awardee will deliver a seminar and meet with staff in order to raise their profile around Scotland, and develop their independent networks. In addition, the awardee will receive £2,000 of flexible funding to be used at their discretion for attending conferences, buying consumables, attending training courses or visiting collaborators etc.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a postdoctoral researcher in the life sciences and hold a PhD
- Applicants must be based at a SULSA institution and work in a PI's laboratory
- This award is **not suitable** for researchers who are setting up their own laboratory
- Applicants must have 12 months remaining on their contract/current funding from the 1st January 2019
- Applicants can self-nominate

Assessment

There will be a winner for each of our four SULSA themes:

- Ecosystems
- Development and Regulation (includes fundamental disease-related research)
- Technology & Analysis
- Understanding and Treating Disease (includes clinical and pre-clinical research)

Applicants will be judged on:

- Research Vision
- Scientific merit and potential
- Publication output and grant funding
- Research impact such as public engagement, policy work, knowledge exchange, other impact

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to present a 3-minute thesis style presentation to our judging panel. You must be available to attend this event on **Monday 11th March 2019**. If you are unable to attend, you cannot be considered.

Submitting Your Application

Applicants must submit their application (a single PDF) to jill.inkster@glasgow.ac.uk at SULSA by 5pm on Monday 7th January 2019.

Notification of Outcome

Successful applications will be notified by email.

Key Dates

Monday 7th January 2019 – Application Deadline

Mid-February 2019 – Shortlisted Candidates Notified

Monday 11th March 2019 – Present Thesis Style Presentation to Judging Panel in Edinburgh

End of March 2019 – Successful Applicants Notified

During 2019 - Tour

Organisation of Tour

If successful, you will liaise with your SULSA Theme Advisor at the Universities you will be visiting to organise the logistics of the seminar visit.

Payment of Funds

If successful, funds will be transferred to your Institution and must be spent by the end of 2020.

Reporting

You must provide SULSA with project updates and outcomes when requested for reporting purposes.

SULSA follows the principles of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (<https://sfedora.org/read/>) and we are committed to considering the value and impact of all research outputs (including datasets and software) in addition to research publications, and consider a broad range of impact measures including qualitative indicators of research impact, such as influence on policy and practice when assessing applications. We believe that the scientific content of a paper is much more important than publication metrics or the identity of the journal in which it was published.