

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020
- 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 **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in Edinburgh City Centre**. 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](mailto:jill.inkster@glasgow.ac.uk) at SULSA by **5pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**.

## Notification of Outcome

Successful applications will be notified by email.

## Key Dates

- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Application Deadline
- **Mid-March 2020** – Shortlisted Candidates Notified
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – Present Thesis Style Presentation to Judging Panel in Edinburgh & Successful Applicants Notified
- **During 2020** - Tour

## Organisation of Tour

If successful, you will manage the organisation and logistics of your seminar tour. SULSA will be available to help with introductions where required.

## Payment of Funds

If successful, funds will be transferred to your Institution and must be spent by the end of 2021.

## 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://sfдора.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.*