

BBSRC Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Bioscience



Call status: Open

Application deadline: 15 July 2014, 4pm

Background

As part of our 20th anniversary programme we are seeking to recognise the excellence of the UK bioscience research base as supported and championed by us and to provide a platform for us to demonstrate our support and pride for the research community.

BBSRC Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Bioscience and Bioscience Communication

These two awards will be awarded to up to four individual researchers, in recognition of outstanding scientific contributions to UK bioscience in fields within the BBSRC remit.

The research findings will have:

- made a **notable impact on the scientific understanding** of that field or the practice of science in the field
- had, or show substantial promise towards having, a **significant impact on wider society or policy**

Criteria

The criteria for the awards are:

- Recognised outstanding research achievements in any field of science within our remit
- Originality of the research conducted
- Impact of research on scientific understanding or practice of science in the field
- Significant contribution to UK bioscience
- Impact of the research on wider society or policy

Each award recipient will receive a prize medal and £2,000. Award recipients will be expected to participate in BBSRC publicity in support of the prize process, to attend an awards presentation and to give a public lecture on the science they are being recognised for. We will support and organise each of these stages.

BBSRC Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Bioscience Communication

An additional award will be made to an individual scientist or professional science communicator who has made a significant contribution by raising the level of debate about our bioscience research with the public.

The criteria for this award are:

- Recognised outstanding achievement in communicating UK bioscience or related issues to non-specialist public audiences, or commitment to supporting BBSRC researchers to achieve the same.
- Contribution to the advancement of the level of debate around bioscience.
- Evidence of impact in engaging with public audiences.

This award recipient will receive a prize medal and £2,000. The award recipient will be expected to participate in BBSRC publicity in support of the prize process, to attend an awards presentation and to give a public lecture on either the subject of the prize or the practice of bioscience communication with the public. We will support and organise each of these stages.

Eligibility

Excellence in Bioscience

Nominated individuals should have a track record of sustained BBSRC funding during the period since 1994 (at least 5 competitively awarded research grants held as Principal Investigator since 01.04.94, although BBSRC support does not need to have been continuous during this period). Their nomination should be for achievement in an area of bioscience within the remit of BBSRC. The award is for work undertaken primarily in the UK but is open to candidates of any nationality

Excellence in Bioscience Communication

Nominated individuals should have either personally been responsible for advancing the communication of research or issues within the BBSRC remit to a wider non-specialist public audience or provided significant support for groups in receipt of BBSRC funding to engage in public communication.

Process

Nominations are invited by us from the research and science communication communities.

Nominations will be accepted from any source and self-nomination is permitted. Nominations should consist of:

- A letter of nomination of up to two pages summarising the candidates achievements and which clearly describes how the individual meets the criteria for the award

- Supporting statements of up to 500 words from two eminent colleagues confirming suitability for the award. Only one statement required if third party nomination.
- A concise CV (up to 3 pages) summarising the nominees professional career including major scientific achievements and details of any career break where relevant
- A full list of publications, with the nominees **10 most significant publications** highlighted (not required for Excellence in Bioscience Communication award)

A single PDF should be submitted by email to excellenceinbioscience@bbsrc.ac.uk by **15 July 2014, 4pm.**

Evaluation

The judging panel secretariat will collate all nominations and check eligibility.

The judging panel will consider all eligible applications, giving due consideration to the maximum number of awards available and the breadth of science within our remit. The panel will reach decisions based on the published criteria and the information provided in the nominations.

The judging panel will have the flexibility within the science achievement category to recognise up to three award recipients and to consider the breadth of our remit and the makeup of our research community in their decision.

The judging panel will meet on September 16 2014 and their decision will be final. **The award winners will be announced by us in September 2014.**

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