

## Guidance for nominators for The Furness Prize for Science Communication 2018

### Overview

This prize is there to:

- cultivate awareness amongst pathology trainees and undergraduates about the importance of public engagement
- reward and recognise trainees and undergraduates who have undertaken sustained high-quality science communication activities.

A prize will be awarded to a trainee or undergraduate who has shown excellence in their science communication activities and are judged by the panel to meet the selection criteria.

The award is generously funded by Professor Peter Furness, former President of The Royal College of Pathologists (2008-2011).

### Nomination process and timescale

- All nominations must be made using the official nomination form
- Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague who is familiar with their work (the candidate must give their explicit consent for nomination)
- Submission of a nomination will be assumed to indicate consent that informal inquiries can be made to confirm the accuracy of any claims made in the nomination
- Please keep the nomination form to a **maximum** of 2 sides of A4 paper (minimum 11pt text). Forms that exceed this limit may be discarded
- A nomination is valid for that year's award only. Unsuccessful candidates are welcome to apply or be nominated again
- Please return completed forms by email to [publicengagement@rcpath.org](mailto:publicengagement@rcpath.org) by **midnight on Monday 10 December 2018**.
- Prize winner will be informed in January 2019.
- Winner will be invited to receive their prize at the College's New Fellow's Ceremony in London on February 7 2019. The winner will be able to bring a guest and the cost of travel to the ceremony will be reimbursed by the College.

### The Selection Criteria

The decision shall be made by a selection committee composed of the Vice President for Communications, Director of Publishing and Engagement and a member of the Public Engagement department. Selection by the committee will be based on evidence of a sustained commitment to high quality public engagement activities.



## Guidance

We are looking for a pathology trainee or undergraduate who has contributed significantly to science communication over a sustained period of time including some activity in 2018. Involvement in a single event will not usually be sufficient to qualify. This person may have developed resources for teachers and students, run outreach sessions, produced high quality public dialogue events, worked with other organisations such as museums or charities, evaluated their activities and encouraged colleagues to take part in science communication activities. An evidence-based evaluation of the effectiveness of the event(s) will usually be expected.

## Eligibility of the Candidate

The prize is open to all pathology trainees and undergraduates in the UK.

- Trainees must have been in a training post while undertaking the work for which they have been nominated but it is recognised that some applicants may no longer be in training by the time the prize is awarded.
- The prize is also open to undergraduates in the UK. This is all biological science, veterinary science or medical students currently in education, or in education when the public engagement activities took place.

## The Prize

The winner will receive a gift of £200 and a certificate.

## Obligations of the Prize Winner and Conditions of Award

The winner will be required to cooperate in producing a publicity photograph for our use in connection with publicising the award and is expected to contribute to an article in the public engagement section of the College *Bulletin* about their work.

The winner must notify the College of any change in their status or location.

**For any further information or queries please contact Rachel Berkoff, Communications Team Administrator on [Rachel.berkoff@rcpath.org](mailto:Rachel.berkoff@rcpath.org) or 020 7451 6717.**