

Early Career Neuroscience Prize

The 2017 Early Career Neuroscience Prize is now open until 5pm Monday 20 March 2017

Each year the UCL Neuroscience Domain presents the Early Career Neuroscience Prize to two UCL neuroscientists. The prize aims to recognise outstanding work published in the past year by early career UCL neuroscientists in any field of neuroscience, and is awarded in two categories; junior scientist and advanced scientist.

Submissions via email to Lalita John - l.john@ucl.ac.uk

The competition is open to all UCL PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates and junior Principal Investigators (first position as PI, lecturer, or research fellow and within 10 years of receipt of a PhD or MD) working on any aspect of neuroscience.

Nominees are expected to have led a ground-breaking piece of work, which they have published (online or in print) as first author in a peer-reviewed journal between 1 January 2016 and 1 February 2017. The research should have been conducted at UCL. (Papers accepted/ in press before deadline of 1 February will also be eligible for inclusion if accompanied by confirmation of acceptance from the Journal).

Winners receive a prize of £750 and are given the opportunity to present their work at the annual UCL Neuroscience Symposium.

Assessment criteria

Nominations will be judged by an internal expert panel according to the following criteria:

1. Calibre of publication, originality and potential impact on its field
2. Nominee's involvement in that paper

Nominations

Nominations will be assessed in two groups. Two prizes will be awarded and both winners will be asked to present their work at the symposium:

- PhD student – Junior postdoc (up to 3 years post-PhD)
- Senior Postdoc (+3 years post-PhD)– Junior PI (<10 years post-PhD experience)

Candidates should self-nominate. Nominations must include the following documentation:

1. A supporting statement from the nominee, providing a brief summary of the research (in language accessible to a broad range of neuroscientists), the significance of the work and potential impact on its field together with a description of the nominee's involvement (must not exceed one page of A4/500 words). Nominees should also indicate which of the two groups above they fall into.
2. The publication to be considered in pdf format

3. A list of up to 5 of your own relevant publications that support the nomination
4. Confirmation of impending publication by the Journal (only applicable if article accepted but not yet published)
5. A biography (maximum 100 words) and photo (high resolution) to be included in the event programme if you win

Winners must be available to attend the 2017 UCL Neuroscience Symposium on Friday 16 June and be prepared to give a 15 minute presentation of their work. Only one application per individual is allowed.

Deadline for submission of nominations is 5pm, Monday 20 March 2017.

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