



## Guidance and further information: Healthcare Early Career Award

### Regulations

1. The IPEM Healthcare Early Career Award is open to IPEM members (UK and overseas) who are in the first 12 active years of their career (eg. from first degree graduation) and who have been a member for at least 1 year prior to the date of application for the award.
2. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by another member.
3. IPEM committees, led by the Board of Trustees (but not involving the Prizes and Awards Committee), will also nominate potential prizes winners, in order that a prize is awarded every year.
4. Candidates or nominators should complete the application form and submit evidence to support the application, as detailed on the application form and in this guidance.
5. The prize is for an early career member who has made a significant contribution to advancement of Healthcare practice; related to physics and engineering applied to medicine and biology.
6. The name of the prize winner will be announced in the Newsletter and on the website in August. All unsuccessful candidates/nominators will be notified by email.
7. The prize winner will be invited to the award ceremony at the Science, Technology and Engineering Forum (usually held in September) to receive the award from the IPEM President or their delegate.
8. Applications/nominations for the Award can be made between 1st January and 30th April each year.
9. The Prizes and Awards Panel will receive applications and make the decision concerning the award.
10. The recipient may only receive this award once in their lifetime. One Healthcare Early Career Award is awarded each year.
11. Rewards
  - £300 personal award to be used in whatever manner the recipient deems fit.
  - A certificate.
  - An invitation to the awards ceremony at the Science, Technology and Engineering Forum, usually held in September to receive the award from the President.
12. Conditions of acceptance
  - The prizewinner must be prepared to write a 1000 word article in Scope related to their work for submission by the end of September in the year of the award.

### Application

- 1 The candidate or their nominator should complete the application form. It is advised that the nominator should liaise with the candidate to ask their permission and to obtain an up to date CV (4 pages max) to include (but not limited to): personal details; qualifications; current positions held; employment history; current duties; contributions

to teaching; contributions to research; contributions to innovation; income; journal papers; patents and other output; invited presentations; professional activities.

- 2 The early career award is a high level of award, equivalent to work at a significant level (nationally competitive or nationally leading) performed during the first 12 years of a career.
- 3 The citation should detail in up to 500 words what is the excellent contribution to healthcare practice that the candidate has made.
- 4 Exemplars of healthcare practice include introduction of new methods or techniques into healthcare practice. Resolution of long-standing scientific problems in healthcare science. Contribution to national guidance notes on best scientific practice.

**Criteria against which the application will be assessed**

Has the candidate made a significant contribution to healthcare practice at a nationally competitive or nationally leading level.