



Guidance and further information: IPEM Early Career Awards in Academia, Healthcare or Innovation

Regulations

1. The IPEM Early Career Awards are open to IPEM members (UK and overseas) regardless of age, grade of membership, discipline or employment who are in the first 12 active years of their career (e.g. from first degree graduation) and who have been a member for at least 1 year at the time of application for the award.
2. The Early Career Award is a high-level award, equivalent to work at an excellent level. The prize rewards an early career member who has made a significant contribution during the first 12 years of a career at a nationally competitive or nationally leading level; related to physics or engineering applied to medicine and biology in one of three key areas:
 - Academia – for academic practice
 - Healthcare – for healthcare practice
 - Innovation – for innovation in technology resulting in translation into clinical practice
3. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague for this award in one of the key areas. IPEM will inform nominated candidates that they have been put forward for an award. The nominator can decide in the nomination form whether they wish for their details to remain anonymous.
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. IPEM committees, including the President's Advisory Committee (PAC), Professional & Standards Council (PSC) and the Science, Technology, Engineering, Research and Innovation Council (STERIC) will also be asked to nominate potential nominees when the prizes launch each year. Council and committee members can nominate these individuals, or IPEM can contact them to self-nominate.
6. The IPEM Prizes and Awards Committee will review applications and make the decision concerning the award. All applicants/ nominees will receive an email notifying them of the award outcome.
7. As part of the review process, in discussion with the awardee, the Prizes and Awards Committee will decide how to disseminate the success of the winning applicant. This may include, but is not limited to, a conference speaking slot, SCOPE article, or other IPEM media channels the Committee deem appropriate.
8. The prize awardee will be asked to provide a brief paragraph and photo to be used in IPEM's media channels. Further details will be communicated when winners are notified.
9. The recipient may only receive an IPEM Early Career Award once in their lifetime. Three Early Career Awards are awarded each year, one from each key area: Academia, Healthcare, Innovation.

10. Rewards

- An IPEM medal.
- £300 personal award to be used in whatever manner the recipient deems fit.
- A certificate.

Application

1. The candidate or their nominator should complete the Early Careers Award application form and indicate which of the three key areas the application is for: Academia, Healthcare or Innovation.
2. The citation should describe, in up to 500 words, what significant contribution the candidate has made to practice in relation to one of the three key areas.
3. It is strongly encouraged that relevant evidence is submitted to substantiate contributions the candidate has made as this will enhance the application. Evidence could include, but is not limited to, supporting statements.
4. If the application is a nomination, the nominator should indicate on the application form whether they consent to their name being shared with the candidate.

Criteria against which the application will be assessed

1. Has the candidate made a substantial and sustained contribution to academic practice, healthcare practice or innovation leading to translation into clinical practice at a nationally competitive or nationally leading level.
2. Does the application citation and supporting documentation demonstrate and independently evidence the candidate's significant contributions as outlined above.