



Outline

The John Rose Award is a grant established by the Institution of Environmental Sciences in order to publicise the outcomes of a postgraduate environmental science research project. The £1,000 grant will be awarded for the purpose of dissemination of the findings to the general public and for the provision of communications training to assist the student in disseminating their research using any media they choose.

Aim

The Award will recognise and reward scientific research that will contribute towards environmental improvement, whilst acting as a memorial to the Institution of Environmental Sciences' founder, the late Professor John Rose. The Award holder is expected to contribute significantly to the Institution of Environmental Sciences' charitable objective of educating the public in the environmental sciences.

Eligibility

Candidates must have recently completed (within twelve months), or be soon to complete (i.e. be in the writing up stages), of a Master's, MPhil or PhD thesis, the results of which have implications that are relevant and applicable to current environmental debates. Candidates registered for postgraduate awards at any UK Institution of Higher Education are eligible to apply. There is no age limit.

Grant Stipulations

The £1,000 grant must be used for training and to promote the results of the research and make them accessible to members of the general public. The Institution of Environmental Sciences can provide some guidance and support in doing this (for example through publication in the Environmental Scientist journal, EnviroSci News, and the IES website). The training will be arranged by the Institution of Environmental Sciences and tailored specifically for the communication of science. All spending will be invoiced through the Institution of Environmental Sciences.

Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will consist of three Institution of Environmental Sciences Council members and at least one external judge. Other nominees may be included in the Panel in any given year, as deemed appropriate by the Panel.

The following individuals will be asked to sit on the 2014 panel:

1. Dr Heather Barrett-Mold, Chair of the Institution of Environmental Sciences,

2. Professor Noel Nelson, Vice Chair of the Institution of Environmental Sciences,
3. Mr Phil Holmes, Freelance Science Communication Specialist,
4. Freelance Journalist, Artist and granddaughter of Professor John Rose, Jessica Rose.

Application and Award Process

Applications must contain six elements:

1. The full name, institution of registration, degree awarded or anticipated, and contact details (postal address, email address and telephone number) of the candidate.
2. A brief summary of the research (250 words maximum)
3. A description of your research, as you would explain it to an average member of the general public (200 words maximum)
4. A 'tweet' of your research (140 characters)
5. An academic reference from the candidate's supervisor, commenting on the quality of the research (250 words maximum, plus their contact details) and confirmation of the candidate's eligibility for the Award.
6. A statement from the candidate as follows:
'I, <insert full name>, confirm that I am eligible to apply for the John Rose Award, and agree to abide by the terms under which it is awarded. <insert date>.'

All submissions must be written in English and should be submitted electronically to enquiries@ies-uk.org.uk by noon on 11th August 2014. Applications will be acknowledged electronically, and treated in confidence. Candidates will not normally be expected to attend for interview. Intellectual property rights associated with the research will remain with the candidate, although the Institution of Environmental Sciences reserves the right to publicise the recipient's name, winning theme and associated summary details.

Shortlisting and eligibility checks will be undertaken by the Institution of Environmental Sciences Office. Short-listed applications will be forwarded to the Judging Panel in August. Applications will be judged equally on the nature of the research and the candidate's proposals for the dissemination of their results. A final decision will be made by the end of September and the winner will be notified immediately, electronically. The Institution of Environmental Sciences regrets that it is unable to enter discussions with candidates about unsuccessful entries.

