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1	<i>What is the Early Career Geologist Award?</i>	<p>The Early Career Geologist Award is a science communication award presented by the Early Career Network of the Geological Society of London (the ECN).</p> <p>The Award is held in up to 3 stages, all of which are assessed by a panel of judges from a variety of geoscience professions.</p> <p>First, candidates enter a regional heat, organised by the Regional Groups of the Society. If successful, candidates are subsequently invited to a Semi-Final round or go straight into the National Final, depending on numbers.</p>
2	<i>Who can enter the competition?</i>	<p>The competition is open to all geologists, geoscientists, earth scientists, engineers or consultants working in a geoscience related discipline.</p> <p>Applicants should be “early career” as defined by the ECN as “within the first 10 years of your geoscience career following graduation of the first geoscience degree”. This period excludes gaps in employment or careers outside of geoscience.</p> <p>Applicants must be Fellows of the Geological Society of London – Fellowship Number must be provided.</p>
3	<i>What are the Regional Heats?</i>	<p>Each Regional Group is offered the opportunity to hold an annual Regional Heat, with winners being appointed by March.</p> <p>These competitions may be run at the discretion of the Regional Group hosting it, but should generally conform with the requirements and marking criteria for the National Final.</p> <p>All applicants must be eligible for the National Final (See FAQ 2).</p>
4	<i>Is there a Semi-Final?</i>	<p>If there is a large volume of Regional Winners, the ECN committee will Host a Semi-Final via webinar or pre-recorded submissions ahead of The National Final. This would take place in Early April.</p>
5	<i>When is the Early Career Geologist Award National Final?</i>	<p>The Award Final is usually held in May of each year, hosted by the ECN in the Geological Society’s headquarters at Burlington House, Piccadilly on a weekday afternoon/evening.</p>
6	<i>What is the National Final?</i>	<p>Finalists (submitted by Regional Groups, or the ECN Wildcard) will present their 10 minute presentation in Burlington House, Piccadilly.</p> <p>Each presentation will be followed by a 5-minute Q&A led by our specialist judges.</p>

7	<i>How do I apply?</i>	<p>You should apply to your local regional group and compete in a Regional Heat.</p> <p>Application method may vary between groups, but typically requires a) Presenter Name b) Entry Title c) Fellowship Number</p> <p>You can find your local regional group via this link.</p>
7	<i>Do I have to pay to enter?</i>	Entry to the Early Career Geologist Award is free of charge.
8	<i>What is the Wildcard, and how does it work?</i>	<p>The Wildcard is a separate competition held in April of each year, open to applicants whose local regional groups did not hold a regional heat.</p> <p>The competition is judged by select committee members of the ECN, and the winner of the Wildcard gains a place in the next stage of the competition with the Regional Group Winners.</p>
9	<i>What should my entry include?</i>	<p>Your entry should be a 10 minute presentation on a geoscience topic of your choice. The content of this presentation should be predominantly your own work or highlight your individual contribution. Content not produced by the individual must be cited appropriately. Be prepared for follow up questions from the judges.</p> <p>This may be associated with industry project work or academic research.</p>
11	<i>How is the National Final held?</i>	The National Final is held as a hybrid event at Burlington House in London, and an online event, although in-person attendance is encouraged.
12	<i>What are the marking criteria?</i>	<p>The Marking Criteria, given to judges and Regional Groups, out of a total of 25 points, is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation (15 points) broken down into: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Delivery and clarity of presentation message (5 points) b. Legibility of Content (5 points); and c. Creativity (5 points) 2) Technical Content (5 points) - Complexity of the geology/ problem/hypothesis, and presenter knowledge of the overall topic. 3) Communication (5 points) – Suitability for a multi-sector early career geoscience audience. <p>1 point is deducted per minute the presentation overruns 10 minutes.</p> <p>Handling of Q&A response is not directly scored by may influence technical content and delivery categories.</p>

13	<i>How is the winner chosen?</i>	The Total Points marked between the judges will be combined; the winner is the finalist with the most points.
14	<i>Who are the judges of the national final?</i>	<p>The competition will be judged by (at least 3) experienced industry professionals who are fellows of The Geological Society.</p> <p>The Early Career Network will elect these judges based on the expected content of presentations of the Finalists.</p>
15	<i>Are there any prizes?</i>	<p>The winner of the National Final wins a unique geology-themed trophy and a digital voucher of £100.</p> <p>All finalists (of the national final) will receive a 1-year annual membership with the Geological Society.</p>

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