



The
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AWARDS, MEDALS AND FUNDS GUIDANCE

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INTRODUCTION



This booklet offers information about each of The Geological Society of London's Awards, Medals and Funds.

To nominate someone, fill in the nomination e-form on our website www.geolsoc.org.uk/awards.

All forms are treated as confidential by the Awards Committee and Council.

Booklet contents:

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The Awards are conferred at a ceremony held at Burlington House generally on the same day as the Society's Annual General Meeting.



SUMMARY OF AWARDS MEDALS AND FUNDS

ALL CAREER

COKE MEDALS

significant service to geology

R.H. WORTH AWARD

outreach, public engagement and/or education

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

significant contributions to the geoscience community

EARLY CAREER

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

significant early career promise and future leader potential

WOLLASTON

MURCHISON

FUNDS

excellent/noteworthy published research or applied/economic geoscience

LYELL

WILLIAM SMITH

MID CAREER

ABERCONWAY

distinction in geological practice (industry)

BIGSBY

eminent service to geology

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

PRESTWICH

the advancement of the science of geology

SUE TYLER FRIEDMAN

recording of the history of geology

WILLIAM SMITH

excellence in applied and economic geoscience

MURCHISON

significant contributions to hard rock studies

LYELL

significant contributions to soft rock studies

WOLLASTON

significant influence via a substantial body of excellent research

DEWEY

significant contributions through fieldwork

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

WOLLASTON MEDAL

The highest award of the Geological Society. This medal is awarded to geologists who have significant influence, through a *substantial body of excellent research or work* in 'pure' and/or 'applied' aspects of the science.



LYELL MEDAL

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the science by means of a *substantial body of research or body of work*. Those working in both 'pure' and 'applied' aspects of the geological sciences are eligible.

The Lyell Medal is normally given for contributions to soft rock studies e.g. '*sedimentary rocks, processes and systems*'.



MURCHISON MEDAL

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the science by means of a *substantial body of research or body of work*. Those working in both 'pure' and 'applied' aspects of the geological sciences are eligible.

The Murchison Medal is normally given for contributions to hard rock studies e.g. '*metamorphic and igneous rocks, processes and systems*'.



WILLIAM SMITH MEDAL

For excellence in contributions to applied and economic aspects of geoscience. Candidates will have made significant contributions to the application of geoscience. Other criteria may be used to support the nomination, should confidentiality be an issue.



CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

PRESTWICH MEDAL

This medal is awarded every three years for a significant contribution to the *advancement of the science of geology*.



SUE TYLER FRIEDMAN MEDAL

Awarded for the recording of the *history of geology*. The Medal, which can be awarded to those without a geological background, of any nationality, and to non Fellows of the Society, is awarded at intervals determined by Council.



DEWEY MEDAL

This Medal is awarded for substantial and significant contributions to geology through *sustained field mapping and/or field observation of rocks*, and for a strong record of training, leading and encouraging others to practise and pursue advances in geology by these means.



MID-CAREER AWARDS

BIGSBY MEDAL

Awarded biennially as an acknowledgement of eminent services in any geological specialism. Candidates must not have exceeded 25 years* of a research career since terminal degree.



ABERCONWAY

Awarded biennially as an acknowledgement of distinction in the practice of geology with special reference to work in industry. Candidates must not have exceeded 25 years* of a research career.



EARLY CAREER AWARDS

WOLLASTON, LYELL, MURCHISON AND WILLIAM SMITH FUND AWARDS

- Wollaston Fund: excellent contributions to geoscience research and/or its application in either or both 'pure' and 'applied' aspects of the science
- Lyell Fund: excellent contributions to geoscience research and/or its application in soft rock studies
- Murchison Fund: excellent contributions to geoscience research and/or its application in hard rock studies
- William Smith Fund: excellence in contributions to applied and economic aspects of geoscience

The Funds are each accompanied by the award of £500.

Criteria Guidance: Nominee is ideally seven years from receipt of their PhD (or no more than nine years from their BSc or MSc) in geoscience or a cognate subject. Other factors will be taken into consideration e.g. career breaks due to personal obligations.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

President's Awards are conferred upon up to two early career geoscientists who show significant early promise and are judged to have potential to be future leaders in their fields.

The President's Awards have a value of £250 each.

Criteria Guidance: Nominee is ideally four years from receipt of their PhD (or no more than six years from their BSc or MSc) in geoscience or a cognate subject. Other factors will be taken into consideration e.g. career breaks due to personal obligations.



SERVICE AND/OR OUTREACH AWARDS

COKE MEDAL

They are awarded to scientists for their contributions to geology, but recognition can also be given for significant service to geology, for example through administrative, organisational or promotional activities resulting in benefits to the community.

The award can be extended to scientists whose training and interests are outside the main fields of Geology, whose contributions are of great significance to our science.

The two Coke Medals are named after Major John Sacheverell A'Deane Coke and Major Edward D'Ewes Fitzgerald Coke.



THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award is made annually to an individual/s who has made a significant contribution to geoscience and the geoscience community by virtue of their professional, administrative, organisational or promotional activities.

R H WORTH AWARD

Awarded in recognition of achievements in outreach, public engagement and/or education of an individual or an institution.

It was established in 1955 under the will of Richard Hansford Worth.

NOMINATION GUIDANCE

ELIGIBILITY

- You **do not** have to be a Fellow of the Geological Society of London to be nominated for our medals and awards.
- You **do not** have to be a Fellow of the Geological Society of London to propose or second a nomination.
- You may nominate a colleague from your organisation or self nominate.
- Awards may have specific eligibility so please carefully check the criteria of the award.
- Nominees may be of any nationality and/or geographical location.
- There is no cost associated with the nomination process.

SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

- Fill in the appropriate nomination e-form at www.geolsoc.org.uk/Awards and submit electronically.
- A proposer and a seconder is required for each nomination.
- Proposers are encouraged to submit statements that directly address how the nominee fits the remit of the Medal or Award they are being put forward for.
- For nominations by Specialist Groups, the proposer is the Group so the proposer and seconder can be the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or similar.
- **IMPORTANT:** The Awards Committee relies on the nominators to check the accuracy of the supporting information. By naming, dating and providing emails on the nomination form, the nominators are confirming that, to the best of their knowledge, the details given in support of a nomination for an award are accurate.



NOMINATION GUIDANCE

SUBMITTING A NOMINATION – GENERAL INFORMATION

- All sections of the nomination e-form must be completed including the brief statement stating why the nominee merits a Society Award.
- Nominations should be written for a broad geoscience audience and assume no prior knowledge of the nominee. Ensure the nominee's work and its importance is made clear to the reader.
- The e-form sections must not exceed character limits set. Attachments will not be considered.
- E-forms should be submitted electronically. Please contact awards@geolsoc.org.uk if you require an alternative method.
- The e-form must include the proposer/seconded names, be dated and contact emails provided.
- Queries should be directed to awards@geolsoc.org.uk

EARLY CAREER STAGE NOMINATIONS

- There is a separate e-form for Early Career Fund awards.
- The criteria guidance for fund awards is that a nominee is ideally 7 years from receipt of PhD or ≤ 9 nine years from their BSc or MSc in geoscience/cognate subject. However, the form allows the opportunity to detail other factors to be taken into account.
- There is a separate e-form for the President's Award. Please submit the President's Award nomination with CV as indicated in the e-form.
- The criteria guidance for the President's Award is that a nominee is ideally 4 years from receipt of their PhD or ≤ 6 years from their BSc or MSc in geoscience/cognate subject. However, the form allows the opportunity to detail other factors to be taken into account.



NOMINATIONS – ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

Additional guidance to help you nominate a candidate for one of our Medals, Awards or Funds.

Please see below and overleaf examples of information to include in the nomination to evidence:

- impact;
- personal leadership;
- service to the geoscience community; and
- personal values.

EVIDENCE OF IMPACT

- Evidence, either through career progression or tangible professional or academic impact, that the nominee has been and remains technically engaged in the use and development of geoscience and champions the use of geoscience, technical innovation, knowledge transfer, and the promotion of geoscience to wider communities. For example, by creating value individually or through professional or other academic collaborations.

EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL LEADERSHIP

- Progression of a geoscience career.
- Evidence of personal and scientific leadership, relationship building, team building, innovation, people mentoring, coaching and development, leading and implementing organisational change, knowledge transfer to Early Career geoscientists, contributions to Working Groups/Parties.



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EVIDENCE OF SERVICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL GEOSCIENCE COMMUNITY

- Service to professional bodies, e.g. Societies, Conferences, National Peer Review Bodies, Boards and Advisory Groups, Lecture tours,
- Publication record, scientific or technical, or awards gained.
- Service in technical bodies, review panels, editorial boards.
- Support of outreach to educate and engage new generations of Geoscientists and/or raising awareness of geology to the wider public.

EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL VALUES

- Ethics in work and personal life in line with the Nolan Principles Standards in Public Life (Selflessness; Integrity; Objectivity; Accountability; Openness; Honesty; and Leadership).
- Championing diversity, inclusion, and people development.
- Conscious of sustainability and impact, sustainable development goals, and Geoscience for the Future
- Service to community.

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