

# Early Career Geologist Award - Rules

## The Competition

The Early Career Award is an opportunity for young geoscientists to showcase their work and career progression so far. To compete, candidates give short talks on their work to a mixed audience; the winner is the person who gives the best talk!

The Award is held in two stages, both of which are assessed by a panel of judges from Geoscience professions. First, candidates enter a Regional Heat, organised by the Regional Groups of the Society; the Final is then held at Burlington House, Piccadilly on **20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020**

## Eligibility

- Candidates should be Fellows of the Geological Society.
- Candidates should have a maximum of 10 years relevant post-graduate (bachelors or equivalent) work experience and have not yet become Chartered.
- Candidates must live/work in the area covered by the relevant Regional Group.

## Entering the competition

- Candidates send a 500 word abstract on their topic or project to their Regional Groups.
- The topic should be geologically themed with the title chosen by the entrant.
- The topic should be the candidates' own work.

## Regional Group Heats

- Candidates give a 15 minute presentation on their topic
- 5 minutes are allotted after the presentation for questions from the Judges.
- The winners of the Regional Heats go through to the Early Career Geologist Award Final on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**, Burlington House, London.

## National Final

- The Final will take place in Burlington House, London, on **20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.
- In the Final, the presentations must be reduced to 10 minutes, with 5 minutes allotted to judges Q&A.

## Judging criteria

The marking criteria are the same at the Regional Heats and the National Final. Candidates are marked on the following;

- Technical content
- Delivery
- Creativity of presentation

- Suitability for an undergraduate student audience

### **Prizes**

The winner of the Early Career Award receives a trophy and a year's free Fellowship to the Society

### **Expenses**

The Society will offer expenses for Finalists' travel to Burlington House. However, as a non-profit organisation, we would be grateful if the Finalists' companies were able to cover these costs.