

## Early Career Geologist Award Rules



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These are the rules covering both the Regional Group Heats and the National Final.

### **Eligibility:**

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

### **Entries:**

- Maximum 500 word written submission
- Must be geologically themed, title to be chosen by the entrant
- Must be the entrants' own work
- Entries short-listed to 3 finalists by a panel of judges from the Regional Group.

### **Regional Group Heats:**

- Finalists to present their topic for a maximum of 15 minutes using a computer-based slide show
- 5 minutes allotted after presentation to judges and audience Q&A
- Three judges (none of which can be from the same company as the finalists!). The decision of the judges is final and cannot be changed once a winner has been announced.
- Finalists judged on the quality of their presentation and content
- One winner - entered into the draw for the national final

### **Regional Heat Prizes:**

- Each Regional Group to agree on a prize for their winner (see Prizes information in Schools Geology Challenge rules)
- Each Regional Group can decide whether to also award prizes to the other finalists.
- The name and title of the Finalist for each Regional Group should be sent to the Geological Society by **Friday 3 March**.

### **National Final:**

- Takes place in Burlington House, London, generally in April, combined with the Schools Geology Challenge
- A maximum of 6 spaces are available in the National Final
- If there are more than 6 Regional winners the written submission will be used to shortlist 6 national finalists, via a panel of judges
- In the Final the presentations are reduced to a maximum of 10 minutes
- Finalists will be judged partly on their ability to communicate their geoscience topic to a mixed audience, from A-level students upwards
- 5 minutes allotted after presentation to judges and audience Q&A
- There is one National winner