The Royal College of Ophthalmologists and The National Institute for Health Research

Researcher of the Year Awards 2018

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists and NIHR Clinical Research Network Award scheme to recognise NHS consultants and trainees active in research. Please send completed applications to [ian.nickson@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:ian.nickson@nihr.ac.uk)by **15 March 2018.**

* Provide details of your research work over last 18 months in particular
* Do not send any additional information as the panel will only review information contained within the form
* Please note the word limit for each section

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| Name |  |
| Job title |  |
| Employing organisation |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Category of applicant | Trainee ☐ Consultant ☐ Middle grade ☐ |
| I confirm that I am a research active NHS consultant / trainee (please delete) and do NOT hold a substantive academic appointment ☐ | |
| I confirm that I am a member/fellow of The Royal College of Ophthalmologists ☐ | |

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| 1. Please describe how your research leadership has enabled your organisation or the wider NHS community to increase awareness of and participation in clinical studies. The panel will look for a significant measurable step change in the local environment for research. Please list any grants obtained in the last 3 years with the amount awarded and any research prizes awarded. **WORD LIMIT = 500 words** |
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| 1. Please describe how you have involved and engaged patients in research. **WORD LIMIT = 500 words** |
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| 1. Please describe how you have contributed to the successful delivery of clinical research studies, with particular emphasis on studies which have led to patient benefit and industry studies. **WORD LIMIT = 500 words** |
| 1. List your best research publications in peer reviewed journals from past 3 years: **Maximum 5** |
| 1. Clearly set out how you intend to increase your contribution to NIHR Clinical Research Network Portfolio studies in the future. **WORD LIMIT = 300 words** |
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**Guidance notes for applicants**

This award seeks to recognise the clinical research efforts and achievements of trainee and consultant clinical ophthalmologists without substantive academic appointments. The award, as researcher of the year, will assess *recent* contributions to research and is not examining historical success.

**Domain 1: Research Leadership**

Good applicants would provide examples of leadership that led to increased research awareness and participation in the local organisation or wider NHS community. This may include:

* Securing research projects
* Securing grants
* Increasing recruitment number
* Training others in research methodology
* Supporting the Local Clinical Research Network
* Developing a research team including multidisciplinary members
* Developing collaboration
* Involvement in panels for grant applications
* Any competitive research prizes

**Domain 2: Engaging with patients and the public for research**

Good applicants would provide examples of their work with patients or patient groups to facilitate wider participation in research. This may include:

* Patient information delivery for research – leaflets, posters, web information and patient e-portals
* Patient- public events
* Demonstration of consultation with patients and the public on research project design and for prioritisation of research areas
* Public engagement – talks, radio, newspapers, third sector and charity etc.
* Forming research-relevant patient groups

**Domain 3: Successful delivery of studies, especially those already achieving patient benefit and industry studies**

Good applicants would provide examples of their research performance, especially of industry studies or evidence that their studies have already led to patient benefit. This would include

* Number of open and closed studies undertaken as principle investigator
* Recruitment to time and target
* Recruitment and retention strategies
* Other KPIs – fast recruitment, first global/ first UK recruitment
* Changes in patient pathways, care or outcomes as a result of their work

**Domain 4: Publications**

Good applicants would provide examples of their high impact research publications in peer reviewed journals. This would include

* Papers from previous research projects for up to 3 years past
* Publications as first or senior (last) author
* Meeting publications with citation, e.g. ARVO
* Published abstracts
* Oral research presentations

**Domain 5: Increasing contribution in future**

Good applicants would provide examples of their strategy of building on their existing work and success. This would include

* Developing collaborative working
* Develop research infrastructure/ culture
* Develop research team
* Applying for further large grants
* Recruiting more patients, or stepping up to a randomised or treatment trial, or greater industry involvement
* Further training