

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS



THE MASTER'S MEDAL

The 2017 MASTER'S MEDAL for Optometry & Physiological Optics

Since receiving its Royal Charter in 1629, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers has been at the forefront in encouraging research into ways of helping the visually impaired to see better.

The Company now invites submissions for the Master's Medal, which is awarded each year, by competition. The Medal is accompanied by a purse of £750.

The award is intended to encourage those making an initial "first author" published contribution to the advancement of optometry or physiological optics. This could include product development, manufacturing and tablet and smartphone applications contributing to the advancement of optometry or physiological optics.

The 2016 Medal was awarded to Corinne Fulcher, of Bradford University.

Submissions are invited from those working in industry and from those in higher education who have obtained a first degree, diploma or other acceptable qualification within the last three years. Holders of Doctorates are not eligible to enter, but entries can be accepted from candidates studying for a Doctorate, or whose paper was generated during such a course of study. Those working in industry should provide a detailed paper setting out the basis on which research has been carried out, the product or application developed in response and the results of use to date.

Entrants for the 2017 Medal must submit a copy of their published paper, or a preprint or manuscript based on their paper, reporting the original work: **reviews and editorials will not be considered**. The work should have been published or accepted for publication in a refereed scientific or industry journal, or presented at a national or international meeting during the qualifying period (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017). The entrant should normally be the sole or first named author¹.

One copy of the paper should be forwarded by email to clerk@spectaclemakers.com by Friday 14 July 2017, together with a covering letter giving full details of the entrant, certifying that the paper submitted is, or will be, his/her first publication and stating where and when it has been, or will be, published. The Clerk, Mrs Helen Perkins, will acknowledge all entries received and is the contact point for any queries about the competition.

Submissions are assessed by the Company's Professorial Committee, a small group of eminent scientists and academics drawn from various UK universities and colleges. The Committee will make its final decision by 1 September 2017. The winner will then be invited to attend the Company's Court Luncheon at Apothecaries' Hall on Wednesday 4 October 2017 to receive the medal and purse.

¹ The judges may consider essays of which the entrant is not the first author, but only if a letter describing the entrant's contribution is submitted by the senior author.