

Awards Committee – Early Career Representative

The Biochemical Society runs an annual awards programme which recognises excellence and achievement across all career stages in both specific and general fields of science. The current portfolio includes 14 awards presented on an annual, biennial or triennial basis and all awards and medal lectureships include a range of monetary prizes and career enhancing opportunities.

We are seeking dedicated and objective individuals to join the Awards Committee. It's an exciting time to become involved in the future of the Biochemical Society Awards programme and to help ensure that we are championing the achievements of the molecular biosciences' community in the best way possible. The Biochemical Society Awards Committee oversee the evaluation of all nominations received in the annual Biochemical Society Awards and meet twice a year to determine the shortlist and winners.

The Awards Committee should be made up of individuals who actively promote the Awards programme and who can contribute meaningfully to the evaluation of academic and industry nominations across all career stages. It is expected that members of the Awards Committee have up-to-date knowledge of the techniques and innovations within biochemistry and allied fields through engagement in active research, networks or publications for example.

Early Career Representatives must be within 10 years of their most recent postgraduate qualification and key aspects of the role include:

- Review and evaluate eligible nominations across the breadth of the Society's portfolio and assess the qualifications, achievements, and contributions of each nominee to determine their suitability for an award.
- Engage in discussions and debates on the merits of nominees, providing valuable insights and avoiding conflicts of interest.
- Maintain strict confidentiality regarding all nominations, discussions, and decisions to uphold the integrity of the awards process.
- Adhere to all review deadlines to ensure a smooth and timely process. Committee members have around 1 month to review their allocations ahead of meetings in March and Nov/Dec each year.
- Review the awards portfolio as a whole, and suggest changes to individual award criteria, eligibility, and nomination forms to ensure the Awards programme remains inclusive and accessible to all.
- Represent and promote the Society's Awards programme and wider activities within their institution and external networks, helping to enhance the visibility and credibility of the Awards programme within our community.
- Ad hoc opportunities to introduce Award Lectures at Society meetings and events as a representative of the Biochemical Society.