



SIBiol Prize for Early Career Biologists

Introduction

The Singapore Institute of Biology (SIBiol) is a professional society of Biologists and Biology educators (www.sibiol.org.sg). To recognize the achievements of early career biologists and promote their career development at critical stages in their scientific careers, the Institute is pleased to announce the SIBiol Prize for Early Career Biologists, a single unrestricted cash grant of S\$500.00 to be awarded to an outstanding early career scientist who is an Ordinary or Life Member of SIBiol in support of the scientist's research activities.

Eligibility criteria

- Ordinary or Life Member of SIBiol at the point of application for the award (student members are not allowed to apply, but may upgrade their membership to Ordinary and/or Life membership at the point of application for the award).
- Applicants must be either Singapore citizens or Singapore permanent residents.
- Only PhD students and/or postdoctoral fellows (i.e. member without a permanent appointment) will be eligible. Lecturers, teachers and tenure-track faculty are not eligible.
- The member must be currently working or pursuing a PhD in any field of Biology.
- The member may be working anywhere in the world, but must have a Singapore address and be able to give a presentation on his/her work at the prize presentation ceremony held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of SIBiol or prepare a video describing his/her work.

Application requirements

- If the applicant is not a member currently or is upgrading from Student membership to Ordinary or Life Membership, an SIBiol membership form (available on the SIBiol website) and a crossed cheque made payable to the Singapore Institute of Biology should be included.
- A curriculum vitae, which must include a list of publications with impact factors and a list of contributions to society, particularly in terms of scientific outreach (maximum 2 A4 pages).
- A document on the scientific trajectory of the applicant (past work, present work, future plans) (maximum 2 A4 pages).
- A completed application form (Appended).

We regret that incomplete or illegible forms cannot be processed. Only shortlisted candidate(s) will be notified. Applications are due 2 Jan, 2015.

Selection criteria

The award will be made by the SIBiol Council, on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific potential – can the applicant become a leader in his or her field of Biology?
- Scientific activity – measured by quantity and quality (impact) of scientific publications, taking into account the number of years spent in science.
- Contributions to society, particularly in the area of science (scientific outreach).

Terms and conditions of the award

- The successful awardee is expected to make a presentation to the public at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of SIBiol about the awardee's field or at such a time and event as may be mutually agreed upon.
- The successful awardee is expected to contribute service to SIBiol for a period of at least one year following the award.
- The successful awardee will acknowledge the support provided by SIBiol in any presentations and publications for a period of at least one year following the award.
- At the end of one year following the award, the successful awardee is expected to make a presentation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of SIBiol or at such a time an event as may be mutually agreed upon with updates on the awardee's activities using the funds.

Questions

The SIBiol Committee for Early Career Biologists comprises Dr James Guest (NTU) and Dr Melissa Fullwood (Yale-NUS and CSI, NUS). It will be chaired by Dr Chen Zhong (NIE)

Further questions should be directed to Dr Chen Zhong, zhong.chen@nie.edu.sg .