Terms and Conditions of the Royal Society Africa Prize 2024

Introduction

This document sets out the conditions under which the Royal Society Africa Prize is offered.

This Prize is also governed by the standard Conditions of Prize for Royal Society Funding schemes.

Enquiries about the Prize should be forwarded to: awards@royalsociety.org.

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Outline of the Royal Society Africa Prize

1 General

- The Royal Society Africa Prize (hereafter referred to as the Prize) will be made to an individual (hereafter referred to the Recipient) for an outstanding, innovative contribution to the sciences which contributes significantly to capacity building in Africa.
- The Prize is intended for researchers at a senior stage (more than 15 years post PhD) of their research career with the potential to build a research project to follow on from the prize.
- The research must be based in Africa.
- The Prize will make a grant of £15,000, including VAT where applicable, to the Recipient for a research project and £2,000 as a personal prize for the Recipient.
- The Recipients must notify the Royal Society of any change in their status or location.
- The Recipients will also be awarded a specially struck commemorative medal and they are expected to receive this in person at an awarding ceremony which will take place at the Royal Society, except in exceptional circumstances such as ill-health.
- This award comes with a Prize Lecture which the recipient is expected to deliver on the evening of the awarding ceremony.
- Nominations can be made by senior academics and members of the national academies of science.
- The project and nominee should be linked with an African entre of excellence, which would normally be a university, or equivalent research centre.

2 Purpose of the Grant

- Grants are made to be spent on the research project and the Royal Society should be notified of any alteration to this project.
- The Grant is intended to be spent on a research project which has the potential to continue after the 12 months of the Grant.
- The Grant is designed to promote capacity building within Africa.
- The Recipient of the Prize may not use the funds to support their own salary/personal remuneration or as a salary for research assistants.

3 Reporting requirements

- The recipient of the Prize is required to submit a report after 6 months (upon receiving the Grant) and again after 12 months detailing the progress of their research, the progress of their project and the expenditure of the Grant.

4 Conditions and payment of Grant

- The Grant will be made in one payment after attending the Royal Society to deliver the Prize Lecture and awarding ceremony.
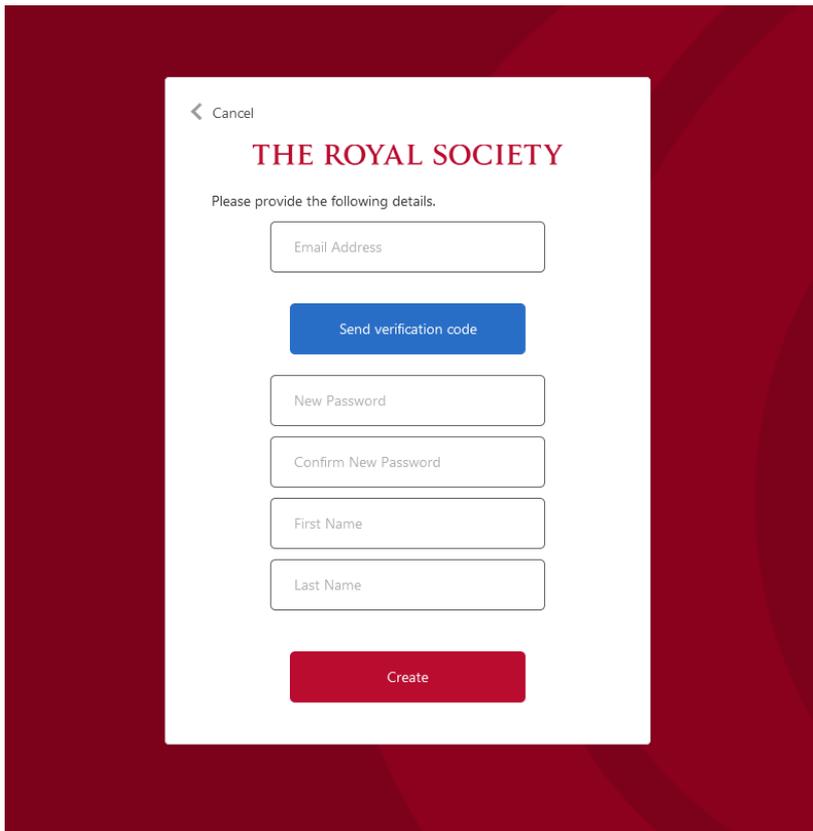
5 Ethical permission

- The Recipient must ensure that, before the research commences and during the full Prize period, all the necessary national and local ethical, legal and regulatory requirements in order to conduct the research are met, and all the necessary licenses and approvals have been obtained.
- Projects involving human patients and therefore requiring local ethical committee approval will be funded only when accompanied by the necessary permission certificate.
- If the Grant funds are to be used for funding research involving human tissue, the Recipient is expected to follow the guidelines in the MRCs Human tissue and biological samples for use in research - operational and ethical guidelines, or equivalent national guidelines.
- If Grant funds are to be used for funding research involving testing on animals, the Recipient must ensure that research conducted in the UK involving the use of animals falls within the regulations laid down in the Animals (Scientific Procedures Act) 1986 and subsequent amendments. Any element of research funded by the Prize that is conducted outside the UK must be carried out in the spirit of the UK legislation as well as complying with all local legislation and ethical review procedures.

Guidance on how to make a nomination

Please note this award requires input from the nominator and the nominee

The nominator shall begin the application process by visiting
[Medals and Awards: Your nomination dashboard · The Royal Society](#)

1. Register for an account. Please input email, click send verification code, wait a few minutes for the code to arrive and then continue with the rest of the registration details.

2. Click create nomination and then select the appropriate award

Make a nomination

Please select the award you are nominating for from the dropdown list below. Please also note the following information:

- For the purposes of this process, the person making the nomination is known as the 'nominator'
- Before you begin, we recommend that you consult the nomination guide for details on how to complete the nomination form and to ensure that the relevant eligibility criteria for your chosen award has been met

The nomination guide can be found on the Royal Society website. If you have any questions or queries, please contact awards@royalsociety.org

| 1. Award selection/eligibility | 2. Nominator details | 3. Nominee details | 4. Nomination details | 5. Referees |

Medal/Award

Africa Prize

Africa Prize
Africa Prize: Rising Star
Bakerian Medal and Lecture
Buchanan Medal
Clifford Paterson Medal and Lecture
Copley Medal (physical sciences)
Croonian Medal and Lecture
Darwin Medal
David Attenborough Prize and Lecture
Davy Medal
Francis Crick Medal and Lecture
Gabor Medal
Hauksbee Award
Hughes Medal
Leeuwenhoek Medal and Lecture
Michael Faraday Prize and Lecture
Milner Award and Lecture
Mullard Award
Rosalind Franklin Award and Lecture
Royal Medal (applied sciences)

3. Check eligibility

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Is the Nominee based in Africa (i.e. lives and works)? *

○ Yes ○ No

Save & continue

If you are experiencing any problems or have questions, please contact awards

4. Input nominator details

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What is your relationship to the nominee? *

Title

Honours

Preferred telephone number
Please include country code if outside the UK

Current organisation

Current position

[Save & continue]

5. Nominee details. Please ensure the email address is correct as they will be contacted on this

Nominee 1

First name *

Last name *

Email address *

Job title *

Institution *

6. Nomination details

Statement of support *

Word Count (0 of 500)

Nominator's Statement *

Please describe the impact made by the candidate's research in Africa to date and provide an indication of how the Royal Society Africa Prize might enable the research to be developed furth by the African science community, and contribute to capacity building.

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[Save & continue]

7. Once this section is complete you will see the below message. Ensure that you click on 'Return to nomination list' and the submit the award. Once you press submit from the nomination list dashboard, you will receive a confirmation email shortly after. **This will then automatically send an email to complete their portion of the form.**

Nomination form complete

You have reached the last step of the nomination process. You can edit this nomination until you are ready to submit it.

Return to Nomination List.

Medals and Awards: Your nomination dashboard

Create nomination

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8. Nominee should now click on the link in an email they will receive, please only use this link to register/login for the portal as above.
9. The nominee will then be asked a series of questions, once these are completed and submitted the nomination process is finished

Nominee country of residence *

Number of full time equivalent (FTE) years of active research since gaining PhD *

Project Title - Please give the full title of your proposed project *

Word Count (0 of 50)

Outline of proposed research project *

Word Count (0 of 500)

Proposed location of project/Linked African centre of science *

How will these activities link with an African centre of scientific excellence (normally a University, or equivalent research centre)? *

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How will this project impact your area of research? *

Word Count (0 of 500)

What elements of the project would be covered by the Royal Society Africa Prize grant? *

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How will the project be monitored and evaluated? *

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Any other comments *