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Researchers Granted £2.8M Support in Royal Society of Edinburgh Awards

Over 100 distinguished academic researchers will receive £2.8M in awards from the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE).

These awards enable academics to either further their research or to investigate the commercial potential of their current work. To encompass this span of activities, the RSE offers a variety of different types of awards that range from enterprise awards to personal research fellowships, workshop grants to travel bursaries that allow collaboration with colleagues overseas.

Supported by both public and private bodies, these prestigious awards highlight the tremendous vitality of Scotland's research sector and the huge contribution it makes to Scotland's development, economy and wellbeing. Hailing from diverse disciplines, this year's awardees have projects that represent a wide range of subject areas such as trade union feminism, hi-visibility ski wear, faecal microbiota transplantation and Scottish printmaking.

This year there are 19 Enterprise Fellowship awardees who will receive funding, training and mentorship to unleash their entrepreneurial potential, enabling them to commercialise their science and technology-based research. Michael Harkins of Heriot-Watt University who is looking to commercialise his award winning flotation device for the 'Learn to Swim' market said, "I was absolutely delighted that I was accepted onto the RSE Enterprise Fellowship. It is not only a huge boost for taking the business to the next level but also the first steps of creating the Olympic swimmers of tomorrow. My drive for seeing my company—Turtle Pack—succeed comes from my love for the sport".

New to this year's awards is the RSE Scotland Foundation supported Health, Happiness and Wellbeing Initiative which aims to facilitate research into understanding the factors that enable young people to make successful transitions from adolescence to adulthood.

Through this new initiative, Dr Joanne McLean of the Mental Health Foundation will review population interventions designed to improve the health and wellbeing of 'average' groups of young people. She commented, "Being awarded this grant has been a great opportunity to explore promising interventions to improve the mental health, happiness, and wellbeing of vulnerable adolescents. This is a particularly important exploratory step in identifying how we can best support these young people to make successful transitions to adulthood and tackle the health inequalities that they face. This initial phase will feed into future studies, which could lead to the development and evaluation of primary interventions to improve the lives of vulnerable young people in Scotland."

Dr Chih-Jen Lin from the University of Edinburgh has been awarded a Scottish Government supported Personal Research Fellowship. He said, "I feel very honoured to be one of the recipients of this esteemed RSE fellowship. This will provide the opportunity to investigate the underlying molecular mechanisms implicated in the formation of a healthy one-cell embryo. The fellowship generously includes substantial research funding and time to allow me to complete the research programme whilst developing new methodologies for potential therapeutic strategies. I am grateful for this opportunity that will further develop my career, and very much appreciate the RSE's support."

President of the RSE, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, said the awards recognise the finest in Scottish research, commenting, "It gives me great pleasure to see the RSE awards support such a vast range of research with far reaching impact. I offer my congratulations to all the pioneering and inspiring awardees whose abilities have been recognised; their achievements reflect the high standard of work that typifies the RSE and Scotland's research and business community."

The RSE's awards are made possible through the continued and generous support of our funding partners: BBSRC, RSE Scotland Foundation, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Funding Council, STFC and the Scottish Government.

The full list of awardees is appended at the end of this document.

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Notes to Editors

The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's National Academy, is an educational charity which operates on an independent and non-party-political basis to provide public benefit throughout Scotland. Established by Royal Charter in 1783 by key proponents of the Scottish Enlightenment, the RSE now has over 1600 Fellows from a wide range of disciplines. The work of the RSE includes awarding research funding, leading on major inquiries, informing public policy and delivering events to inspire knowledge and learning. For more information visit: www.royalsoced.org.uk. Follow the Royal Society of Edinburgh on Twitter [@royalsoced](https://twitter.com/royalsoced).

For the Awards Reception brochure, please see [here](#).

For more information on Enterprise Fellowships, please see [here](#).

For more information on Scottish Government supported Personal Research Fellowships, please see [here](#).

For more information on the Health, Happiness and Wellbeing Initiative, please see [here](#).

JM Lessells Travel Scholarships

Mr	Jiaying	Zhang	University of Strathclyde
Mr	Jimmy-John Olivier Etienne	Hoste	University of Strathclyde
Mr	Dimitrios	Tzelepis	University of Strathclyde
Ms	James	Maguire	University of Edinburgh
Mr	Neil Macdonald	Wight	Heriot-Watt University

Cormack Undergraduate Vacation Scholarships

Mr	Christopher Montague James	Osborne	University of Glasgow
Mr	Archie	Cable	University of York
Miss	Kate	Gould	University of St Andrews
Mr	Alexander	Prokopyszyn	University of St Andrews

CRF European Travel Fellowships - Incoming

Dr	Geraldine	Vaughan	University of Rouen
Mr	Hans Jacob	Orning	University of Oslo
Ms	Maria	Gurova	Bulgarian Academy of Science
Dr	Ciara	Breathnach	University of Limerick

CRF European Travel Fellowships - Outgoing

Dr	Trevor	Stack	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Adrian James	Haddock	University of Stirling
Professor	Brian	Girvin	University of Glasgow

Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Small Grants

Dr	Rhona Louise	Brown	University of Glasgow
Dr	Karen	Brown	University of St Andrews
Dr	Stephen	Mullen	University of Glasgow
Dr	Maud Anne	Bracke	University of Glasgow
Dr	Hannah	Burrows	University of Aberdeen
Professor	Tom	Collins	University of Stirling
Dr	Nyree	Finlay	University of Glasgow
Dr	Iain	Macdonald	Edinburgh Napier University
Dr	Elaine	Moohan	The Open University in Scotland
Dr	Richard	Whitecross	Edinburgh Napier University
Dr	Richard	Niland	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Arianna	Andreangeli	University of Edinburgh
Prof	Christopher	Platt	Glasgow School of Art

Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Awards - Networks

Dr	Minna	Torma	University of Glasgow
Mr	Mal	Burkinshaw	University of Edinburgh
Prof	Gavin	Little	University of Stirling
Dr	Andrew	Mackillop	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Rogelia	Pastor-Castro	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Lloyd	Ridgeon	University of Glasgow
Professor	William	Maley	University of Glasgow

Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Awards - Workshops

Dr	Alex	Benchimol	University of Glasgow
Ms	Ann	Gunn	University of St Andrews
Dr	Inge Ejbye	Sorensen	University of Glasgow
Dr	Laura	Moretti	University of St Andrews
Mr	David	Cowley	Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland
Dr	Matt	Brennan	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Elsbeth	Jajdelska	University of Strathclyde
Professor	Robin	MacPherson	University of the Highlands & Islands
Dr	Tom	Jones	University of St Andrews

Dr	Daniel	Cook	University of Dundee
Professor	James	Loxley	University of Edinburgh

Enterprise Fellow – Scottish Enterprise

Mr	Aboubakry	Diallo	Heriot Watt University
Ms	Karena	Moore-Miller	University of Strathclyde
Miss	Paula	Fox	Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, University of Dundee
Mr	Simon	Lamont	University of Dundee
Dr	Salman	Malik	University of Edinburgh
Mr	Callum	Murray	University of Edinburgh
Mr	James	McIlroy	University of Aberdeen
Mr	Michael	Tougher	Glasgow School of Art
Miss	Amanda	Day	University of Strathclyde
Mr	Manuel	Peleteiro	Edinburgh Napier University
Mr	Michael	Harkins	Heriot Watt University
Mr	Philip	McParlane	University of Glasgow
Miss	Corien	Staels	University of Glasgow

Enterprise Fellow - BBSRC

Dr	Brian	Miller	Heriot Watt University
Dr	Daniel	Stabler	Newcastle University
Dr	Shelby	Temple	University of Bristol
Dr	Andrei	Constantinescu	Newcastle University
Dr	Tom	Simmons	University of Cambridge

Enterprise Fellow - STFC

Mr	Sakari	Ihantola	University of Oxford
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Scottish Crucible

Dr	Laura	Candiotto	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Karen	Meyer	Abertay University
Dr	Neeraj	Dhaun	Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
Dr	Robert	Barker	University of Dundee
Dr	Filippo	Menolascina	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Suk-Jun	Kim	University of Aberdeen
Mr	Ferry	Melchels	Heriot-Watt University
Dr	Lisa	Boden	University of Glasgow
Dr	Karen	Johnston	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Alessandro	Fedrizzi	Heriot-Watt University
Dr	Caitlin	Cottrill	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Matthew	Warden	Fraunhofer UK Research Limited
Dr	Stella	Chan	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Melanie Isabelle	Stefan	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Timm	Krueger	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Linda	Ferrington	Queen Margaret University
Dr	Pablo	Casaseca	University of the West of Scotland
Dr	Tiziana	Lembo	University of Glasgow
Dr	Alexander	Brownlee	University of Stirling
Dr	Poppy	Lamberton	University of Glasgow
Dr	Silvia	Casini	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Marjan	van de Weg	Off Road Consulting

Dr	Katherine	Hayden	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Dr	Nick	Taylor	University of Dundee
Dr	Ebtihal	Mahadeen	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Amanda	Jarvis	University of St Andrews
Dr	Richard	Orton	University of Glasgow
Dr	Kristofer	Erickson	University of Glasgow
Dr	Adrian	Quarterman	University of Dundee
Dr	Yunhyong	Kim	University of Glasgow

Health, Happiness and Wellbeing Initiative

Dr	Joanne	McLean	Mental Health Foundation
Dr	Kathryn	Skivington	Social & Political Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow

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Mr	Christopher Montague James	Osborne	University of Glasgow
Mr	Archie	Cable	University of York
Miss	Kate	Gould	University of St Andrews
Mr	Alexander	Prokopyszyn	University of St Andrews

Cormack Postgraduate Research Prize

Mr	Graham	Lee	University of St Andrews
Miss	Shaghayegh	Parsa	Royal Observatory Edinburgh

Cormack Small Astronomy Outreach Grant

Dr	Paula	Lindgren	University of Glasgow
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