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£2.7M Support Granted to Leading Researchers in Royal Society of Edinburgh Awards

Under schemes funded by public and private bodies, over 100 distinguished researchers will receive £2.7M in awards from the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE). These prestigious awards illustrate the huge contributions made by the research community to Scotland's development, economy and wellbeing.

Enabling academics to further their research or to commercialise their current work, there are a number of different awards which range from travel grants for those seeking to collaborate with colleagues overseas to personal research fellowships for post-doctoral projects.

This year's awardees demonstrate the tremendous diversity, breadth and energy of Scotland's research sector with projects that span a range of fields such as: young people's 'In-app purchasing', healthcare communications, prevention of fire spread through walls, Lyman-alpha radiation of solar flares and Scottish printmaking.

Highly regarded in Scotland, the RSE awards are some of the most sought after opportunities available to academics. They recognise and champion the achievements of both emerging and established researchers whilst continuing the RSE's 230-year history of advocating innovation and development across all areas of academic and public life in Scotland. Of the awards, President of the RSE, Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, commented, "Once again it gives me great pleasure to see the Royal Society of Edinburgh awards support an enormous range of research with far reaching impact. I congratulate each of the innovative and inspiring awardees; their achievements finely illustrate the continuing superior work that typifies the RSE and Scotland's research community."

This year there are 12 Enterprise Fellowship awardees who will receive funding, training and mentorship to unleash their entrepreneurial potential and enable them to turn science and technology-based research into successful commercial ventures. Dr Lysimachos Zografo of the University of Edinburgh said, "It is a great honour and opportunity to receive this award. Because of the Enterprise Fellowship programme, I am able to take my research a step further where it could potentially make a big impact; improving the lives of many people. Other than the financial support, it is also the training, mentoring and environment that make this award conducive to research commercialisation."

Dr Christos Pliotas from the University of St Andrews has been awarded a Scottish Government Personal Research Fellowship. He said, "I am very honoured to be the recipient of this prestigious award. This will give me the opportunity to enhance our understanding of ion channels and subsequently develop novel tools to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR). AMR has evolved into the major threat for public health worldwide and discoveries of

this nature will be of great benefit to the economy (new antibiotics) and society (treatment), with immediate and global impact.”

Dr Lilach Sheiner from the University of Glasgow, who has also been awarded a Scottish Government Personal Research Fellowship said, “It’s an incredible privilege to be a recipient of this award as it provides crucial support for my research programme, allowing my team to pioneer a new line of studies into divergent aspects of parasite biology. The RSE recognised that this research not only advances our understanding of parasitic cells, but also feeds the process of drug discovery for diseases like toxoplasmosis and malaria.”

The continuation of the RSE awards are made possible through the generous support of the BBSRC, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise, the Scottish Funding Council, the Scottish Government and the STFC.

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).

JM Lessells Travel Scholarships

Mr	Martyn	McLaggan	University of Edinburgh
Mr	Alessandro	Peloni	University of Glasgow
Mr	Renaldi	Renaldi	University of Edinburgh
Ms	Katrin	Skerl	University of Dundee
Mr	Keith	Smith	University of Edinburgh

Carnegie Caledonian Scholarship

Mr	Fraser	Kenneth Coutts	University of Strathclyde
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Cormack Undergraduate Vacation Scholarships

Mr	Daniel	Carron	University of Dundee
Mr	Steven	Kleinegesse	Imperial College London
Mr	Kyle	Martin	University of Glasgow
Ms	Magdalena	Menz	University of Glasgow
Ms	Amy	Rankine	University of St Andrews

Piazzini Smyth Research Scholarship

Mr	Chris	Duckworth	University of Nottingham
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CRF European Travel Fellowships - Incoming

Professor	Maurizio	Arcari	Universita Milano-Bicocca
Professor	Zoltan	Balazs	Corvinus University
Dr	Andreas	Gofas	Panteion University
Dr	Christophe	Guillot-Notmann	Universite Paris-Sorbonne
Dr	Falk	Huettig	Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
Dr	Bjorn-Oliver	Magsig	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research
Dr	Laura	Movilla Pateiro	University of Vigo
Dr	Canan Ezel	Tabur	Çukurova University

CRF European Travel Fellowships - Outgoing

Ms	Lorenza	Antonucci	University of the West of Scotland
Dr	Bethan	Benwell	University of Stirling
Dr	Fabrizio	De Francesco	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Emile	Shemilt	University of Dundee
Dr	Elaine	Webster	University of Strathclyde

Personal Research Fellowships – Scottish Government

Dr	Christoph	Busche	University of Glasgow
Dr	Christos	Pliotas	University of St Andrews
Dr	Lilach	Sheiner	University of Glasgow

Personal Research Fellowships – Caledonian Research Fund

Dr	Matthew Robert	Livesey	University of Edinburgh
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Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Small Grants

Dr	Patricia	Allmer	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Glyn	Davis	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Alistair	Fair	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Stuart	Gillespie	University of Glasgow
Dr	Brian	Hoyle	University of Dundee
Dr	Pavel	Iosad	University of Glasgow

Dr	Justin	Livingstone	University of Glasgow
Dr	Aideen	O'Leary	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Helen	O'shea	The Open University in Scotland
Dr	Ruth	Pelzer-Montada	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Alasdair	Raffe	University of Edinburgh
Ms	Margaret	Stewart	Edinburgh College of Art
Dr	Lynn	Whitaker	University of Glasgow

Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Awards - Networks

Professor	Peter Robert	Duff	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Maria	Economou	University of Glasgow
Mr	Graham	Jeffery	University of the West of Scotland
Professor	Annette	Kern-Stahler	University of Bern
Prof	Katarzyna	Kosmala	University of the West of Scotland
Professor	Raymond	MacDonald	University of Edinburgh
Professor	Fiona	Macpherson	University of Glasgow
Professor	Murray George	Pittock	University of Glasgow
Professor	Elizabeth	Robertson	University of Glasgow
Dr	Ernest	Schonfield	University of Glasgow
Dr	Henriette	van der Blom	University of Glasgow
Dr	Anna	Vaninskaya	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Graeme	Wilson	University of Edinburgh

Scottish Government Arts & Humanities Awards - Workshops

Dr	David	Code	University of Glasgow
Dr	Louise	Harris	University of Glasgow
Dr	Elizabeth	Elliott	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Sally	Foster	University of Stirling
Dr	Katherine	Forsyth	University of Glasgow
Dr	Hazel	Hutchison	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Alexandra	Lewis	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Sara Karly	Kehoe	Glasgow Caledonian University
Dr	Chris	Dalglish	University of Glasgow
Dr	Alexander	Marshall	University of Glasgow
Dr	Jochen	Schenk	University of Glasgow
Ms	Jacqueline	Pestell	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Ms	Claire	Banks	Freelance Illustrator
Dr	Ingrid	Mainland	University of the Highlands and Islands
Professor	Mark	Edmonds	University of York
Mr	Dave	Cowley	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland

Enterprise Fellow – Scottish Enterprise

Dr	Salman	Tahir	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Lysimachos	Zografos	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Timothy	Willis	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Richard	Walker	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Colin	Gray	University of Abertay
Dr	Maneesh	Varshney	University of Strathclyde

Enterprise Fellow - BBSRC

Mr	Toby	Mottram	Royal Agricultural University
Mr	David	Roper	University of Warwick

Enterprise Fellow - STFC

Ms	Alexandra	Alexandrova	University of Liverpool
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Enterprise Fellow - Scottish Enterprise & BBSRC

Dr	Caroline	Barelle	University of Aberdeen
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Enterprise Fellow - Highlands & Islands Enterprise

Dr	Alistair	Mort	University of Aberdeen
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Enterprise Fellow – BBSRC & STFC

Dr	Peter	Childs	University of the West of Scotland
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Scottish Crucible

Dr	Konstantinos	Ampountolas	University of Glasgow
Dr	Anne	Bernassau	Heriot-Watt University
Dr	Emma	Bond	University of St Andrews
Dr	Amy	Bryzgel	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Catherine	Cross	University of St Andrews
Dr	Chris	Cummins	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Helen	Dooley	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Erik Manuel	Gauger	Heriot-Watt University
Dr	Dimitrios	Gerogiorgis	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Flora	Groening	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Louise	Harris	University of Glasgow
Dr	Louise Elizabeth	Horsfall	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Marie	Hutin	University of Glasgow
Dr	Li	Kang	University of Dundee
Dr	Aaron	Lau	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Michelle	Maclean	University of Strathclyde
Dr	Sabine	Matallana Surget	University of Stirling
Dr	Heather	Morgan	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Wei	Pang	University of Aberdeen
Dr	Brian	Quinn	University of the West of Scotland
Dr	Julien	Reboud	University of Glasgow
Dr	Alasdair	Rutherford	University of Stirling
Dr	Adrian	Saurin	University of Dundee
Dr	Christian	Schroder	University of Stirling
Dr	Robin	Sloan	Abertay University
Dr	Duncan	Sproul	University of Edinburgh
Dr	Blesson	Varghese	University of St Andrews
Dr	Juliet	Wakefield	University of Dundee
Dr	Marisa	Wilson	University of Edinburgh
Dr	John	Woodward	University of Stirling