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CALL FOR ENTRIES

£50,000 PRIZE

for individual achievement in innovation

The Gannochy Trust Innovation Award of The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) is Scotland's highest accolade for achievement in innovation. Presented annually to a young innovator whose work has the potential to improve Scotland's social and economic well-being, this award is targeted at a new generation aged 45 or under.

Established 7 years ago, the award seeks to encourage careers in the fields of science, technology and research which promote Scotland's inventiveness internationally. The competition is easy to enter, and carries a valuable cash prize of £50,000 and a specially commissioned gold medal, and is presented at a major event in the autumn.

Where would we be today without Scotland's inventors?

Without the telephone, radar, penicillin and television...

Last year's winner was Dr Colin Urquhart of Glasgow based Dimensional Imaging Ltd whose lifelike 3D digital models of patients are being used before facial surgery. Past winners include marine biotechnology pioneer, Dr Andrew Mearns Spragg of Aquapharm Bio Discovery whose new technology has developed antibiotic compounds from a new species of marine micro-organism; Dr Barbara Spruce from Ninewells Hospital and Medical School in Dundee who won with her new technology which causes cancer cells to self-destruct without harming healthy cells; Professor Ian Underwood of MicroEmissive Displays Ltd, Edinburgh for his record breaking technology – the ultra-miniature television-quality display built on a silicon chip; John Harrison of Surfactant Technologies Grangemouth whose unique chemical technology effectively dissolves oil in water and vice versa, enabling pollution such as oil contaminated wastes to be cleaned up; and Dr Marie Claire Parker of XstalBio, Glasgow whose technology has the potential to deliver insulin to diabetes sufferers, without the need for self injection.

How to enter or nominate someone you know

It's easy to enter – the nomination form, available from the RSE, must be completed in full. The names of two referees must be provided, and a one-page CV must be included with the nomination papers.

Following an open competition run by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland's National Academy of Science and Letters, a distinguished judging panel, chaired by Lord Cullen of Whitekirk will assess the entries and select the winners. Short listed candidates will be called for interview.

Application forms are available from The Royal Society of Edinburgh
email: gannochyaward@royalsoced.org.uk
tel: 0131 240 5013 www.royalsoced.org.uk

Eligibility criteria

The individual nominated

- Must be based in Scotland or have other substantial connections with Scotland
- Must be able to demonstrate outstanding innovation (which has a practical demonstration available) and achievement
- Must be able to demonstrate that his/her innovation has the potential for social and economic benefit
- Must be aged 45 or under at 1st January 2009

Confidentiality

All entries will be treated as commercially confidential by the RSE and all those involved in the selection and assessment process are bound by confidentiality agreements.

Conditions of nomination

- Nominators, when not putting themselves forward, must obtain the prior consent of the person being nominated
- The RSE will not be liable nor held responsible for any errors or omissions made by nominators in their submissions
- The RSE will, at its discretion, seek independent assessors' views on the merit of nominations received
- The award winner will be expected to co-operate fully with the presentation arrangements and associated publicity, and to confirm that there are no IPR issues which would restrict publishing details of the innovation, were the award to be made
- The decision of the Council of the RSE will be final and absolute

Entries close at 5pm on 8th May 2009

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