The Brian Cox Award for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research 2017

The School of Life Sciences is pleased to announce the annual Brian Cox Award for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research. The winner will be presented with the award at the School’s Retreat in March 2017.

Nominations are invited for an individual communicator or team of communicators from within the School of Life Sciences that have made outstanding contributions to public outreach activities within the last two years.

Nominations may be submitted by the nominee/s or by a third party.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 5PM ON FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2017.**

About the award

The annual Brian Cox Award for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research recognises and rewards the School’s outstanding communicators in improving understanding of the School’s research to a wider audience.

- The award is open to any individual or groups of people working at the School of Life Sciences and covers the broad scope of Public Engagement activities.
- These activities must have the objective of connecting with the public to allow the creation and sharing of knowledge, widen our reach and meet the needs of those we interact with, inspire participation in science and make science relevant for everyone. Not only will this allow us to enhance the public’s understanding and awareness of research performed at the School and the impact this research has on our everyday lives but allow our research to benefit from engagement with the wider community.
- Activities could include; working with schools and teachers, working with community groups, organising or participating in public events such as demonstrations, debates and lectures or publishing & broadcasting (in any media).
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Eligibility

The School of Life Sciences wishes to recognise current members of staff or enrolled students within the School community who have made an outstanding impact with their public engagement activities in the last two years.

The focus of this activity must have been communicating the School’s research to public audiences or organisation.

Members of staff or students not directing or participating in their own research activities are eligible. However, the main focus of the public engagement should be research performed at the School.

We welcome nominations that detail the breadth and depth of research performed at the School of Life Sciences.

All applications from the University-wide 2016 Stephen Fry Award for Excellence in Public Engagement with Research will be automatically entered into this award.

Who can nominate?

Any current member of School of Life Sciences staff or enrolled students may nominate. Self-nominations are welcomed.

Information required for submission

Please complete the application form in full. Within this application form please provide, on the MAXIMUM of three sides of A4, details of the impact and contributions of the nominee’s (nominees’) past and future public engagement activities. This can include links to online material.

The selection process

All nominations will be ranked by a judging panel comprised of Prof. Nicola Stanley-Wall, Academic Lead for Public Engagement; Dr. Nicola Weichens and Dr. Paul O’Mahone, Research Staff Representatives; Senga Robertson, Research Student representative).

Deadline for Nominations

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