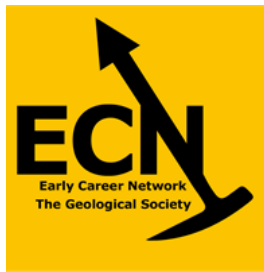


The Early Career Award 2025



The Geological Society

The Competition

The Early Career Award is a science communication award presented by the Early Career Network of the Geological Society of London. To compete, candidates give short talks on an aspect of their work to a mixed audience; the winner is the person who gives the best presentation.

The Award is held in two stages, both of which are assessed by a panel of judges from Geoscience professions. First, candidates enter a regional heat, organised by the Regional Groups of the Society for **Q1 2024**. There will be a wildcard event for those candidates with no regional heats. The Final will be a hybrid event held at Burlington House, London, on **the 28th May, 2025**.

The Prize

The winner will receive a bespoke Early Career Award Trophy alongside a £100 gift voucher. All presenting finalists will receive a year's free GSL membership.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be Fellows of the Geological Society.
- Candidates should have a maximum of 10 years' experience following the graduation of their first relevant degree.
- Candidates must apply through the relevant Regional Group where they live/work, or through the ECN wildcard competition.
- Candidates entering the ECN wildcard are only eligible where their local regional group is **not** holding a local competition.

Entering the Competition

- Candidates send a maximum 500 word abstract on their topic or project to their Regional Group.
- The topic should be geoscience themed with the title chosen by the entrant.
- The presentation must be predominantly the candidates' own work and cited appropriately when not.

Regional Group Heats & ECN Wildcard

- Candidates give a 10–15 minute presentation on their topic of choice, followed by 5 minutes for judges questions.
- The winners of the Regional Heats go through to the Early Career Award Final at Burlington House, London.
- The Wildcard competition will follow the same rules, and will be hosted via webinar. The wildcard entries will be judged by committee members of the Early Career Network.

National Final

- The Final will take place in Burlington House, London, on 23rd May 2024.
- In the Final, the presentations will be strictly 10 minutes, with 5 minutes allotted to judges and audience Q&A.

Judging Criteria

The marking criteria are the same at the Regional Heats and the National Final. Candidates are marked on the following:

- Presentation:
 - Delivery/clarity of message
 - Legibility of content
 - Creativity
- Technical content and Q&A
- Accessibility of presentation (suitable for an early career, multi-sector geoscience audience)

For more information and to enter please contact your local Regional Group or the Early Career Network:
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