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Emerging Talent SRUK/CERU Award 2016



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The Society of Spanish Researchers in the United Kingdom (SRUK/CERU) announces the first “Emerging talent SRUK/CERU Award”. The objective of this award is to recognize and support a promising young Spanish researcher who has developed his/her career in the UK, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of the prize-winner’s research to both Spanish and British societies. This Award is sponsored by the Banco Santander Foundation under its “Young Talent” programme. The “Young Talent” programme includes fellowships and specific actions and was created with the purpose of funding the most innovative projects carried out by young scientists.

Candidates for the Award can submit their own application or be nominated by a SRUK/CERU member or by an organisation/entity such as the Spanish and British Universities and Research Centres, the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs at the Spanish Embassy in the United Kingdom, the Spanish Education Office in the United Kingdom, the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology

(FECYT) and the Banco Santander Foundation.

Award: It will consist of £14,000 to be invested in any aspect necessary for the development of the prize-winner's career such as research-related tasks, acquisition of equipment, dissemination of recent results, specialized training for the researcher, family and working life balance support, etc. The prize-winner will also receive a commemorative sculpture made by the Spanish artist Cristina Iglesias.

Requirements for candidates:

1. The candidate must demonstrate his/her research activity in Natural Sciences and Engineering.
2. The candidate must be of Spanish nationality and have spent at least 3 years of his/her research career in the United Kingdom.
3. The candidate must be under 40 or have obtained their PhD less than 10 years ago (by the date of the application deadline). Career breaks due to maternity leave (up to 12 months per child), paternity leave, adoption, serious sickness, or caring responsibilities will be taken into consideration (certifying documents will be required).
4. The candidate cannot have received the award in previous years.

Deadline for applications: 30 April 2016

Documents required: The applicants need to send the following documents, in English, to awards@sruk.org.uk.

1. [Nomination form](#) (if the candidate is nominated by an entity/organization or a SRUK/CERU member).
2. A report explaining the candidate's most important achievements in his/her research career (maximum 2 pages A4, font Arial 11, 2 cm margin).
3. Motivation letter (maximum 2 pages A4, font Arial 11, 2 cm margin) explaining how the candidate will make use of the prize (research, dissemination, training, help for family-working life balance...) and the impact the award will have on the development of the candidate's research career.
4. Curriculum vitae (maximum 4 pages).
5. Two reference letters by senior researchers in the discipline of the candidate supporting the applicant.

All these documents must be sent in one pdf file to awards@sruk.org.uk.

If the candidate is nominated, the nominating SRUK/CERU member or entity/organisation must fill in the "nomination form", ask the nominee to provide the rest of the documents and send everything in a pdf file to awards@sruk.org.uk.

Evaluation: The applications will be assessed by designated senior researchers and the award decided on by a jury composed of members of the Board of Directors of SRUK/CERU, members of the Banco Santander Foundation and other partner institutions. The recipient of the "Emerging talent SRUK/CERU Award 2016" will be informed in May 2016.

The evaluation will take into consideration the following criteria:

1. Importance of the candidate's research work in his/her research field (40%).
2. The candidate's career progression after obtaining their PhD (40%).
3. Motivation and impact of the award for the candidate's research career (20%).

Award ceremony: It will take place in an emblematic location in the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Director of Banco Santander Foundation and the President of SRUK. The date will be agreed on by the organization and the prize-winner. The ceremony will include the presentation of the award and a talk given by the winner about his/her work and professional career. A reception and networking event will be held at the end of the ceremony. The prize-winner's travel and accommodation expenses will be covered.

For more information, please contact awards@sruk.org.uk.

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