RESEARCH OUTPUT PRIZE FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

This note outlines the arrangements for the Research Output prize for 2023.

Eligibility

a) The output should have been published between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2022.

b) The output should relate to research undertaken at Reading, excepting cases where some underlying doctoral level research may have been undertaken elsewhere. In the case of monographs, the manuscript should have been submitted while the author was at the University.

c) The output must be recorded in CentAUR and, if a journal article, be compliant with the University's Open Access policy.

d) The output should be considered worthy of a minimum of 3* rating in REF terms.

e) The nominated author should be a current member of staff who is an Early Career Researcher, this being defined as normally within eight years of the award of a PhD.[1]

f) The nominated author should be the corresponding or lead author on the output. For outputs where this is not the case, it should be demonstrated that the nominated author is the primary/lead researcher.

g) Each nominated paper should be accompanied by a short lay description of the research (150 word max), detailing why it is important and why it would be rated (in REF terms) as a 3* or 4* publication.

Process

Individuals wishing their outputs to be considered for the prize should submit the following to the relevant Research Division Lead:

- The output. This should be sent as a PDF (including monographs) or as a link to the accessible output.

- A short lay description of the research and, where appropriate, the nature of the author's contribution (150 words max)

- A short statement detailing why the research is important and why it would be rated (in REF terms) as a 3* or 4* publication.

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[1] The eight year duration excludes periods of career break, where the author has not had the opportunity to undertake research. In cases where the nominated author does not have had or has been awarded a PhD later in their career, the criteria of within five years of their first academic appointment at a Higher Education Institution or research organisation may be used.

- The Research Division Lead will establish appropriate mechanisms for selection and lead the selection process of the best output. Research Division Leads will submit the output, together with an outline of the process undertaken for selection, to the relevant Research Dean via the Research Dean's Office (researchdeansoffice@reading.ac.uk) by 5pm on 20 February 2023.

- Each Research Dean will determine a process to select a single winning output, for ratification by the University Committee for Research and Innovation.

Prize

- There will be one prize for each Research Theme.
- Each prize will be of £1000.
- The awards will be presented at the 2023 Research Event in June.