

The Royal Academy of Engineering ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs Award 2010

Entry form

Closing date for nominations: Friday 23 October 2009

This form and enclosures should be submitted by the Vice Chancellor's office on behalf of the applicant.

This form should be treated as an essential cover sheet for any additional supporting material (defined in section five of the Entry Form below). Both should be sent to the e-mail address given at the end of this document by the deadline indicated.

Please read the Rules and Conditions before completing this form.



Rules and Conditions

1. The Royal Academy of Engineering ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs Award seeks to identify, encourage and reward young engineering researchers working in UK universities, in the field involving electro-technology. The Applicant and team members (if applicable) all must be at an early stage of their research careers – as a research student, research fellow, research associate or recently appointed lecturer.
2. The award will be given to an individual or to a team demonstrating considerable entrepreneurial promise and the potential to benefit the UK's future prosperity. Submissions from a team shall be in the name of a lead applicant, supported by not more than two co-applicants.
3. The award will be given to the entrant/s who, in the judges' opinion, best combine/s technological inventiveness, business awareness, entrepreneurial potential and complementary personal qualities. In the case of university employees, preference will be given to candidates at an early stage in their academic career.
4. Submissions are welcome in the following subject areas: electrical and electronic engineering, aspects of bio-medical engineering, electro-mechanical engineering, optics and optical engineering, instrumentation, IT, software and hardware; and materials related to the foregoing. The decision of the judging panel on eligibility will be final.
5. Supporting papers must be limited to six pages only, however additional information may be requested by the judging panel.
6. The prize will be £10,000 and is for the winning individual or team, personally. A certificate will be presented at an appropriate occasion in 2010. In addition an award of £30,000 will be made available to be used in any appropriate manner to support the furtherance of the winning idea. These proposals will have been defined in the submission and plan and discussed with the judging panel. (For example, this could include funding the formation of a business, technological validation, specific product developments, IP protection, marketing or any other justified use. Applicants must have their plans for such developments endorsed by the university.)
7. If more than one individual is involved in the submitting team, the division of the personal prize money within the winning team shall be determined by the Chair of the Judging panel after consultation with the nominated individual and/or team. The Chair's decision will be conclusive.

8. Submissions must be endorsed and signed by a senior member of the applicant's university (Vice Chancellor or nominee) to the effect that the development of a winning entry will not be constrained and that every effort will be made to ensure that the award money will be used for its intended purpose.
9. There is no limitation on the number of submissions that any one university may enter.
10. An appropriate member of the Judging Panel will be appointed as mentor to the winner for a period of up to two years.
11. The winner/s will be invited to make a presentation to the Board of the ERA Foundation. This may lead to further support.
12. In addition to the first prize, two additional prizes of £2,000 each will be awarded to those responsible for the two submissions which are judged to be worthy runners-up.
13. In making their submission, entrants agree to accept the decisions of the judging panel as binding.
14. By making a submission for the award, entrants agree to take part in the judging procedure and to be prepared to provide all necessary evidence to enable the judges to reach a decision. Winners will be required to take part in publicity activity in connection with the award.
15. All submissions will be treated in confidence.
16. The Royal Academy of Engineering seeks no share in the Intellectual Property Rights of entrants but does require, as part of the submission, a formal statement on where the IP ownership lies.
17. The award may be withheld if the judging panel should so decide.
18. Each submission should be submitted electronically.
19. Submissions must be received at the Academy by **Friday 23 October 2009**. Late or incomplete entries will be disqualified. Applicants should note that short-listed candidates will be required to make presentations to the Selection Committee in London on **Friday 27 November 2009**.

All enquiries and submissions should be sent to:

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ENTRY FORM

As this form is to be photocopied, the information should be typed in black type face.

1. Title of Submission (not more than ten words)

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2. Endorsement by Vice Chancellor

Name, position and address of person making the submission.

I confirm that the circumstances of IP ownership and other statements in the proposal are correct and that the submission is fully supported by the university in accordance with the Rules and Conditions specified.

Name:

Position:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

3. Details of the individual/team nominated in leading

(A submission may be made in relation to an individual acting alone or as a lead-applicant, supported by not more than two co-applicants. Applicants should take particular note that the judging panel will be seeking entrepreneurial researchers currently at an early stage in their career/s, for example, as postgraduate research students, research fellows, research associates, lecturers etc)

Lead applicant

Name:

Current status:

Role in project:

Co-applicant#1

Name:

Current status:

Role in project:

Co-applicant#2

Name:

Current status:

Role in project:

4. Summary of submission

Please describe below, in no more than 500 words, the essence of the submission, including your plan for exploitation.

You should outline all the key elements leading to, and including, your current plans for exploitation of research and complementary work undertaken personally by you (and your co-applicants, if appropriate). Please ensure that you are specific about your ideas, identifying any background or prior work as necessary. You should aim to assist the judges in gaining an overall 'feel' for achievements to date and plans for the future. They may subsequently explore, for example, your knowledge of competitive technology and markets (supporting information is requested in the next section).

5. Supporting Material

A short paragraph outlining your relevant research experience, in no more than 500 words

The following items are essential and must be attached in addition to this entry form. Any supporting material must be cross-referenced to show its relevance to the submission. **All supporting material should be submitted within one document.**

1. A copy of your plan, including mention of how the winning entry will be exploited within the UK. Evidence of the underlying research, any patents or IPR and complementary work undertaken by you. Ownership of IPR should be stated.
2. Information on the extent to which the submission, or part of it, is novel. The judges will be looking for a realistic assessment of any competition or prior art, set against the plan which is now being proposed to enable exploitation.
3. A short summary of your submission which, if you are a successful finalist, will be posted on The Royal Academy of Engineering ERA Foundation Entrepreneurs Award website. This must not exceed 120 words.
4. The applicants' curriculum vitae. This should not exceed four pages.

Signed

Date
