

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2026 EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS AWARD

The combined BCS, BHF, BAS, and BSCR “Early Career Investigators Award” (ECIA) competition will be open for applications in **November 2026** with a closing deadline of **23:59 on Sunday 16 January 2026**.

The submission will be a separate process from that governing the poster abstracts and will consist of a brief communication limited to include abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion and figure legends. The abstract should consist of a **title (upper case letters only, max 250 characters)** and text (mixed case letters, max **3000 characters**). The main body of the communication is to include an Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and Figure legends and is limited to **1000 words**. A maximum of five display items (either tables or figures) are permitted, the number of references is limited to 15. Footnotes and other forms of data appendix are not permitted. Please also include **three keywords** to accompany your abstract.

**Please note that if your submission for the ECIA is rejected, then it is not automatically entered into the clinical or basic science abstract submission process. You will need to submit this separately through the online abstracts submission portal.**

Note, each candidate can only make one submission and the research submitted must be concerned with the cardiovascular system.

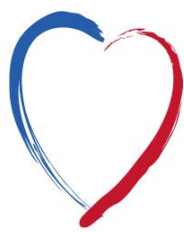
Entries may include previously published work but should not consist wholly of work already published in full paper form by the closing date for submissions. Submissions that form a more detailed description of work submitted previously or simultaneously as a clinical or basic science abstract, are allowed.

A statement of contribution must be appended to the end of the brief communication. This needs to describe the extent to which the work was carried out by the applicant and the contribution and names of any collaborators.

The competition will be open to both young clinicians and basic scientists. Clinicians should not have attained consultant status at the time the research was performed and basic scientists should be no more than five years post-PhD. Membership of the British Cardiovascular Society is not a requirement.

Judges will be drawn from the BCS Programme Committee and other BCS committees where appropriate and will include representatives from both BSCR and BAS.

Up to five finalists will be selected to present an oral presentation during the lunchtime of **Tuesday**, the second day of the **BCS Annual Conference** and this session will be unopposed by any other scientific session. Each finalist will present for **10 minutes**, leaving five minutes for questioning by the judges. Up to three prizes may be awarded depending upon the quality of the work presented, and the judges will be given the discretion to label these as “**winner**”, “**runner-up**”, “**clinical prize**”, “**translational prize**”,



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“**basic science prize**” or any combination of these as they deem appropriate depending upon the work presented. A total prize pool of **£3000** will be available for these prizes and the actual amounts that are awarded will be at the discretion of the Judges.

Applicants should be aware that the ‘media’ has open access to the conference sessions.