



The IAQM Ian McCrae Travel Award

Outline

The Ian McCrae award is a grant established by Institute for Air Quality Management (IAQM) to support the professional development of early career air quality professionals. The annual award will be a grant of up to £1000 for early career professionals to attend an air quality conference or training course in the UK or abroad.

Aim

The Award aims to support air quality professionals early in their career by enabling them to attend an air quality conference or training course in the UK or abroad. The Award also acts as a memorial to the life and work of Dr Ian McCrae, who was an internationally-respected air quality scientist and was instrumental in establishing the IAQM.

Eligibility

The award is open to Full and Associate Members of the IAQM in their early career (circa first ten years). There is no age limit. Preference will be given to those that are presenting at a conference.

Grant Stipulations

The grant can only be used for attending a conference or training course in the 12 months following the decision regarding the winner of the Award (i.e. from the 5th October). The grant can only be used to cover conference/course entry, travel costs and accommodation. The £1000 can be split between two candidates, with the proportion of the grant going to each candidate being at the IAQM Committee's discretion.

Judging Panel

The Judging Panel will consist of at least three members of the IAQM Committee. The IAQM may apply some flexibility in the application of these conditions.

Application and Award Process

Applications are made through the submission of a written case on why the candidate should be supported, including:

1. The full name, employment and contact details (postal address, email address and telephone number) of the candidate.
2. A brief summary of their career to date (in chronological order) (250 words maximum).
3. An outline of how the conference or course is relevant to their work and professional development (500 words maximum).
4. An estimated budget for the proposed travel (1 side A4 maximum).
5. A statement from the candidate as follows:

'I, <insert full name>, confirm that I am eligible to apply for the Ian McCrae Travel Award, and agree to abide by the terms under which it is awarded. <insert date>.'

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All submissions must be written in English, using Arial 11 point font.

Candidates will be asked to submit proposals between 1st July and 30th September, for a conference or course taking place anytime in the following 12 months (from 5th October). Applications should be sent electronically to Bernard Fisher, Chair of the IAQM at bernard.fisher@environment-agency.gov.uk and to Adam Donnan, Senior Executive Officer of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) at enquiries@ies-uk.org.uk. Applications will be acknowledged electronically, and treated in confidence. The winner will be judged electronically by the IAQM Committee between 1st and 5th October. Candidates will not normally be expected to attend for interview. The IAQM reserves the right to publicise the winners name and associated summary details.

The winner will have to provide receipts for costs and expenses after the event, which will then be reimbursed by the Institute. The winner will also be asked to submit a report on the event for publication, to be included, at the Institute's discretion, in IAQM/IES publications.