

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS



THE 2020 RUSKELL MEDAL

Since receiving its Royal Charter in 1629, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers has encouraged research into the prevention and treatment of vision impairment.

Each year, the Company awards a bronze medal to recognise research in ophthalmology and/or vision science which contributes significantly to the advancement of our understanding of vision and the prevention of unnecessary blindness.

The 2020 Medal Award process launches today. The 2020 Ruskell Medal and the accompanying purse of £750 will be awarded to the first-named author of the best paper in the fields of ophthalmology or visual science published during the qualifying period (between 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2020) by an entrant currently working with the United Kingdom. Recipients of previous medals have presented research carried out in more than nine different departments across the UK.

Entrants for the Medal should forward one copy of their full original research paper or a preprint or manuscript (not an abstract) by email to clerk@spectaclemakers.com by **5pm on Friday 2 October 2020**, certifying that the entrant is the first named author and stating where and when the work has been, or will be, published. **Abstracts, reviews, commentaries and editorials will not be considered.** Papers submitted should explain the basis on which research has been conducted, the findings to date and potential applications.

The Clerk, Mrs Helen Perkins, will acknowledge all entries received and is the first point of contact for any queries about the competition.

Submissions are assessed by the Company's Professorial Committee, a small group of eminent scientists and academics drawn from various UK universities.

The Committee expects to make its final decision during the first week of November. The winner will be invited to attend the Company's formal Luncheon at Apothecaries' Hall in London on **Tuesday 8 December 2020**. At the luncheon the winner will receive their medal and purse from the Master Spectacle Maker and meet leading figures in the world of optics and the City of London.

Further publicity for the individual and their sponsoring institution can be expected as the Medal award is usually well reported in professional optical journals.

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