

Philip Leverhulme Prizes 2023 – Biological Sciences

Internal deadline: 1pm on Thursday 2nd March

Applications to the [Philip Leverhulme Prizes 2023](#) are now open. As each institution can submit a maximum of three nominations per subject area, there will be a central selection process run by UCL's Research Coordination Offices. Each Division / Institute can submit a **maximum of three nominations per subject area**, and candidates must have the support of their Divisional / Institute Director.

The LMS RCO will manage the internal selection of nominations from across UCL for the **Biological Sciences** subject area.

Overview of the prize

Full details of the Prize are available on the [Leverhulme Trust website](#).

Each Prize has a value of £100,000, which may be used over a two- or three-year period. Expenditure from the award may be used for any purpose related to the advancement of the research of the prize-holder (see below).

Eligibility

The Prize is for researchers at an **early stage of their careers** whose work has had international impact and whose future research career is exceptionally promising.

Nominees must hold either a permanent post or a long-term fellowship that would extend beyond the duration of the prize. Those otherwise without salary are not eligible to be nominated. Nominees should normally have been awarded their doctoral degree not more than ten years prior to the closing date of 17th May 2023.

Please note that applications are considered within the six broad subject areas available each year which rotate on a 3-year cycle. The current cycle is 2023, 2024 and 2025. You may not be nominated for more than one prize subject in any 3-year cycle.

The Trust always excludes the following: studies of disease, illness and disabilities in humans and animals; and research that is intended to inform clinical practice or the development of medical applications. This is because substantial funding is available from other sources for applied medical research, and the Trust's priority is to support investigations of a fundamental nature.

What is provided

£100K, to contribute towards items of expenditure fall within the categories classically eligible for the support of the Trust. Examples include research assistance, teaching replacement, travel and subsistence, consumables, technical support, or computer equipment and software. The principal ineligible items are capital equipment, augmentation of the prize-holder's salary, and institutional overheads.

Internal selection process for the Biological Sciences subject area

Each Division / Institute may put forward for consideration a maximum of three nominations for the Biological Sciences subject area. The nomination should be sent to the LMS Research Coordination Office by **1pm on Thursday 2nd March** (lms.facilitators@ucl.ac.uk).

The nomination must consist of:

1) A copy of the Leverhulme Trust application form completed by the candidate, including the attachments required by the Leverhulme Trust.

Instructions: create an application in the [Leverhulme Trust Grant Management System](#) and complete the form. A PDF of the application can be created by saving and closing the application and selecting 'View/Print.' The form can then be downloaded. **Do not select 'Submit'.**

2) A statement of support from the Divisional / Institute Director. The statement should explain the achievements of the candidate to date and the fundamental contributions made to the subject area, indicating the evidence for international recognition. If the candidate received their highest degree more than ten years before the closing date, the Divisional / Institute Director should state the special circumstances which justify the consideration of their nomination.

The internal selection panel will take place within two weeks of the internal deadline. The Leverhulme Trust deadline for full proposals is 17th May 2023.