

Jon Driver Prize

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is an abstract on the entire PhD project required, or details of a specific study within the PhD?

A: It is up to the candidate which elements of the PhD work are highlighted, but the committee will consider the entire career achievement of the candidate when evaluating each application (and not just a single study / paper).

Q: What is the “Motivation statement” supposed to include? Should it be focused on the work to be considered, or more focused on the applicant him/herself? In other words, how should it be different from the 1 page abstract?

A: The abstract should cover the research programme, and the motivation statement should detail the student's unique driving contributions towards the research output (independence, obstacles overcome, etc). It can also highlight other activities not directly related to the abstract, e.g. any public engagement, etc.

Q: I've already submitted my PhD - am I still eligible?

A: You are eligible as long as you haven't had your PhD viva before the application deadline.

Q: What if my supervisor is on the selection committee? Am I still eligible?

A: Yes, you are welcome to apply. If your supervisor is on the committee, he/she will recuse themselves when considering your application.