# David Hague Early Career Investigator of the Year Award

## APPLICATION FORM

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1. Introduction

Award description
The David Hague Early Career Investigator of the Year Award 2022 aims to recognise the contribution of an outstanding Early Career Researcher (ECR) in the field of biomedical dementia research. Alzheimer’s Research UK (ARUK) is the UK’s leading research charity aiming to defeat dementia and through this award, we aim to raise the profile of excellence in dementia research.

The winner will receive £25,000 in research expenses and a personal prize of £1,500. In addition, the winner’s expenses for attending ARUK’s Annual Research Conference in 2023, in Aberdeen, will be covered by the charity.

Application process
The Panel are looking for a promising ECR who demonstrates excellence in dementia research through:
- up to three select research outputs
- a 1000-word essay
- a video presentation
- a 1-page letter of recommendation

Applications should account for the fact that excellence is not just limited to a candidate’s academic record. The Panel will also be keen to hear about commitments to raising the profile of dementia research, through engagement and outreach across a wide variety of audiences, and building capacity in the field, by supporting the next generation of dementia researchers.

In 2017, ARUK introduced an Early Career Researcher Framework to encourage ECRs to think about career progression and the skills and training they will need to achieve excellence in dementia research. The framework acknowledges the importance of a strong Research Vision, relevant Research Experience and Personal Development, but also emphasises the importance of developing Leadership skills, Communication and Engagement, and proactively increasing Profile and Influence. Essays should therefore introduce the (up to) three defining research outputs and outline how these outputs have contributed to a candidate’s development across all of the criteria outlined in the ECR Framework.

Review process
Applicants will be judged by an external Panel of prominent researchers, who will look for excellence in scientific research and a significant contribution to the field of dementia research as demonstrated through the applicant’s defining research outputs and essay.

The review panel will be asked to score each of the following sections, based on the ECR Framework (above):
- Research vision, experience and potential
- Communications, engagement, profile and influence
- Personal development and leadership

Each section will be weighted equally when calculating the final score. The best scoring candidate will be declared the winner. If the initial round of review fails to identify a clear winner, the top scoring candidates will be submitted for a second round of review where all non-conflicted Panel members will re-rank the applications based on a review of the comments submitted by the Panel. Our normal conflict of interest policy will be applied.

The winner will be notified by January 2023 and will be required to present at ARUK’s Annual Research Conference, which will be held in Aberdeen in March 2023.

GDPR
Alzheimer’s Research UK will not share any of the information you provide as part of your application with external parties. We’ll keep your information safe and never share, sell or swap it externally. The information and files that you provide will be used by the judging panel to assess your suitability for the award. Your contact details will be used by ARUK staff to notify you of the outcome of your entry.
2. Eligibility Check

To apply for this grant applicants must fulfil all eligibility requirements. Please read and enter a response to the following eligibility questions – placing a tick next to the question means 'yes', leaving the box blank means 'no'.

- [ ] I confirm that I am a biomedical dementia researcher (social or carer-focused researchers are not eligible)
- [ ] I confirm that at the time of application, I have between 5-10 years’ post-PhD experience
- [ ] I am available to present at the ARUK Research Conference in Aberdeen in March 2023
- [ ] Have you as Lead Applicant and all other grant participants read and understood our Bullying and Harassment policy?
3. Consents

In the event that you are declared the winner or runner up, we may wish to use excerpts from either your essay or letter of recommendation for publicity purposes and for inclusion in the Research Conference programme. You will have the opportunity to approve any such use of your information.

☑️ I consent to Alzheimer’s Research UK including details of myself and my career in the Alzheimer’s Research UK annual research conference if I am confirmed as the winner (required)
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5. Lead applicant's CV

Title: Prof  
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Address Line 1: 3 Riverside  
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Email Address: research@alzheimersresearchuk.org  
Degree/qualification  
From | To | Qualification | Institution  
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Employment record  
From | To | Position | Organisation  
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Scientific career  
Date | Details  
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Other relevant details  
You may wish to use the following space to provide details of any career breaks or clinical commitments since the award of your PhD.
### 6. Section 3: Referee details

Your referee should ordinarily be your current or most recent Supervisor/Sponsor. However, you may also use a previous Supervisor/Sponsor or close Collaborator.

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7. Section 4: Additional Questions

How did you become aware of the Alzheimer’s Research UK Early Career Investigator of the Year Award?
8. Section 5: Attachments

Please attach items below