THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SPECTACLE MAKERS

THE 2018 MASTER’S MEDAL

Since receiving its Royal Charter in 1629, the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers has been at the forefront in encouraging research into ways of helping the visually impaired to see better.

The Company now invites submissions for the Master's Medal, which is awarded each year, by competition. The Medal is intended to encourage those taking higher degrees to publish their work. The Medal is accompanied by a purse of £750.

The criteria for the award have been adjusted this year. Applications are invited from any individual working for a doctorate or higher degree in any aspect of vision i.e. optometrists, ophthalmologists and scientists working in the field of optics and vision science, whose first research paper has been accepted for publication in a refereed scientific journal, or presented publicly at a national or international meeting during the qualifying period (1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018).

The entrant should normally be the sole or first named author. Entries can be accepted from candidates who have attained a doctorate or higher degree within the last 12 months whose paper was generated during the course of their studies. Papers submitted should explain the basis on which research has been conducted, the findings to date and potential applications. Basic audits of results and reviews will not qualify.

Entrants for the 2018 Medal must submit a copy of their published paper, or a preprint or manuscript based on their paper, reporting the original work: abstracts, reviews and editorials will not be considered.

One copy of the paper should be forwarded by email to clerk@spectaclemakers.com by Friday 6 July 2018, together with a covering letter giving full details of the entrant, certifying that the paper submitted is, or will be, his/her first publication and stating where and when it has been, or will be, published or presented. The Clerk, Mrs Helen Perkins, will acknowledge all entries received and is the contact point 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 and colleges. The Committee will make its final decision by 7 September 2018.

The winner will then be invited to attend the Company’s Court Luncheon at Apothecaries’ Hall on Wednesday 3 October 2018 to receive the medal and purse from the Master Spectacle Maker and meet leading figures in the world of optics and the City of London.

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