



BTS/ A+LUK/ BALR Lecture Awards 2025: Guidance notes

This award recognizes the achievements of established respiratory researchers. Two awards will be presented in 2025, and the winners will be invited to give a prestigious lecture at the 2025 Winter Meeting on Thursday 27 November.

The **BTS/A+LUK Award** is open to anyone conducting respiratory research in the UK (including all professions, clinical and non-clinical), with the expectation that the applicant should be a BTS member. It is anticipated that the winning applicant will be working within clinical and/or translational respiratory research.

The **BTS/BALR Award** is open to all professions and is focused on translational/discovery science and the expectation that the winning applicant will be a member of BTS or BALR at the time of taking up the award.

The winning applicants will be presented with an award at the presentation session on Wednesday 26 November at the Winter Meeting, and will be allocated 3 days delegate registration for the Winter Meeting.

Applicants will not be asked to specify which award they are applying for. The decision on which award the winning applicants will receive will be made by the selection group.

Eligibility: it is anticipated that applicants will have an excellent track record in an area of respiratory research, with evidence of research impact and achievement including high impact publications, and have plans and potential for future outstanding contributions to respiratory science.

It is expected that applicants will be based in a UK organisation.

The awards are primarily aimed at mid-career researchers and it is therefore expected that applicants will be 50 years old or below at the time of application but noting that career breaks and other factors may influence career stage, applications from all applicants will be considered.

Applications must be received by **23:59 Thursday 22 May 2025**.

Reviewing criteria:

Applications will be evaluated based on the following weighted scoring criteria:

- Research career to date and main achievements - 60%

Relevance of topic to respiratory research, potential impact (e.g. patient related outcomes, translational potential, policymaking), novelty/innovation potential, feasibility and quality of the design, dissemination & outreach plan. Main career achievements within the field (taking into consideration the applicant's "career-age"), scientific record, quality of publications, academic background, professional experience, extracurricular activities.



- Future research plans and potential for future contribution to the field - 30%

Scientific merit of future research plans and potential impact in respiratory field, including any current or future leadership/mentorship activities. Content of proposed lecture.

- Personal contribution and engagement in BTS/BALR/A+LUK - 10%

Involvement with individual organisations/participation in BTS Winter Meeting activities (speaker, chair, abstract reviewers, BTS/BALR/A+LUK committees and groups)

Each field to be marked out of 10 and final score weighted accordingly.

Guidance Notes for Applicants

Your submission will be shared with panel members comprising BTS, BALR and A+LUK representatives for the purpose of scoring the application. Following completion of scoring, panel members will be required to submit their scores and delete any associated data and applications.

The successful applications and any personal identifiable information contained within will be shared with key stakeholders and local and national Communications Teams for promotion as good news/stories. Such news/stories may feature up to 12 months after the award has been announced; therefore, applicants should expect that their materials may be accessible for this purpose in one or more formats for more than one year. Award winners will be expected to work with the awarding organisations as required in relation to news coverage/social media etc and contacts will be made with the award winners' organisations.

Any supporting documentation supplied with the winner's applications and any personal identifiable information contained within will be retained for seven years post announcement of the outcome for educational purposes, such as sharing best practice.

Your contact details will be kept in order to liaise with you throughout the award application and review process. If your application is successful, then you will be requested to supply further details for invitation to the award ceremony which will be held at the BTS Winter Meeting at QEII Centre.

If your application is successful, there is an expectation that you will be available to attend the award ceremony from 4.15pm to 4.45pm on Wednesday 26 November and separately present a short lecture between 2.15pm to 3.15pm on Thursday 27 November.

Each award winner will be provided with 3 day delegate admission to the BTS Winter Meeting. Award winners will be expected to attend on the day of the Presentation and Lecture (26 and 27 November 2025).

For more information - or if you have any questions about the award, please email:

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