



## **BTS/ A+LUK / BALR Mid-career Lecture Awards 2026: Guidance notes**

The BTS/A+LUK/BALR lecture awards recognise the achievements of mid-career respiratory researchers. Eligible mid-career researchers can come from any profession (clinical and non-clinical) and will have a track record in respiratory with an upward career trajectory and be based at a UK host organisation. The selected winners will be offered 3 days delegate registration for the 2026 Winter Meeting and be presented with an award at the Awards Presentation Session on Wednesday 25 November. The winners will also be invited to give a prestigious lecture at the Winter Meeting on Thursday 26 November.

The **BTS/A+LUK Award** is open to any BTS member conducting respiratory research.

The **BTS/BALR Award** is open to any BTS or BALR member with a primary focus on translational and/or discovery science.

### **Eligibility criteria**

- Applicants should have a track record in an area of respiratory research with an upward trajectory.
- Be working in a UK Host organisation.
- Be a member of BTS or BALR.
- Be a Postdoctoral Associate (>5yrs postdoctoral position), Lecturer or Senior Lecturer (or honorary equivalent positions).
- Demonstratable evidence of research impact and achievement (including publications).
- Past recipients of the BTS Winter Meeting Plenary Lectures are not eligible for this award.

Applications must be received by **23:59 Wednesday 3 June 2026**.

### **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/A+LUK/ BALR - 10%

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

Each field to be marked out of 10 and final scores are weighed accordingly.

### **Further Information**

Your submission will be shared with panel members comprising BTS, A+LUK and BALR 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 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.

### **Award Presentation**

**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 25 November and separately present a short lecture between 2.15pm to 3.45pm on Thursday 26 November.**

For more information - or if you have any questions about the award, please email: [Bernice.Owusu-Ansah@brit-thoracic.org.uk](mailto:Bernice.Owusu-Ansah@brit-thoracic.org.uk)