Alzheimer’s Society is delighted to launch the 2017 Dementia Research Leaders awards, which recognise the contribution that early and mid-career researchers make to dementia research and people affected by dementia.

The awards will be presented on May 18th at the Gala dinner at the Research and Policy conference

Winners of the prize will receive £1,000 to put towards their career development over the next year. There will also be runners-up prizes.

The nominations close at 5 pm on Friday March 31st

What will the awards recognise?

The Alzheimer’s Society’s Dementia Research Leaders programme provides funding and development opportunities for people from biomedical, clinical and social science backgrounds from the start of a career in research through to establishing themselves as independent investigators.

The awards are to recognise the contributions and impact of researchers within the remit of the programme to dementia research.

Categories

There are two categories that people can be nominated for. Nominees do not have to be funded by Alzheimer’s Society but do need to be based at a university or research institute within the UK.

- Rising Star in Dementia Research

This award will recognise researchers in the earlier stages of their careers who have already made great progress in dementia research and have the potential to contribute much more to the field in the future.

Eligibility criteria: People who are currently undertaking a PhD or postdoctoral researchers who completed their PhD within the last four years are eligible for this category.
Outstanding early career contribution to dementia research

This award recognises researchers who are more established and have already undertaken important research that promises to improve the lives of people affected by dementia and who are likely to show great progress in the field in the future.

Eligibility criteria: This award is open to postdoctoral researchers, junior and senior fellows and those at lecturer level who completed their PhD between four and ten years ago.

Please note: Previous winners and runners up are not eligible for this year’s awards. However, previous nominees are welcome to submit an application.

Judging

The panel of judges will be a combination of our scientific research advisors, Research Network volunteers and Research & Development staff team members.

Progress towards a successful research career and impact in their dementia research field is the primary consideration, demonstrated within the evidence presented. The judging panel will consider aspects such as: the nominee’s achievements and originality in research; commitment to Patient and Public Involvement and public engagement; commitment to mentoring or supporting the development of others; potential to improve the lives of people affected by dementia in the future Applications do not have to address all elements suggested.

Decisions will be made through discussion of the evidence presented within a nomination, taking into account the stage of the career that nominees are at and the differences between research fields.

Nominations

Candidates can self-nominate for the award or can be nominated by their supervisors or colleagues, or by members of the Research Network.

Download and complete the nomination form, including the supporting text, and return to DRL@alzheimers.org.uk. You do not need to include a CV with your form.