



Guidance and further information: IPEM Spiers' Prize for Outreach

Regulations

1. The Spiers' Prize for Outreach is awarded in memory of Professor F W Spiers. It is open to all IPEM members (UK and overseas).
2. Candidates can self-nominate or be nominated by another member. IPEM will inform nominated candidates that they have been put forward for an award. The nominator can decide in the nomination form whether they wish for their details to remain anonymous.
3. The Spiers' Prize for Outreach is awarded to any member who can demonstrate how they have improved education or raised awareness of Medical Physics and Engineering through outreach activities. The target audience for outreach is members of the public (for example, school children, adults, patients) but excludes fellow professionals and government agencies.
4. Applications/nominations for the Award can be made **until the 17th April 2026**.
5. Candidates or nominators should complete the application form and submit evidence to support the application, as detailed on the application form and in the guidance.
6. IPEM committees, led by the Board of Trustees (but not involving the Prizes and Awards Panel), will also be asked to nominate potential prize winners.
7. The IPEM Prizes and Awards Panel will review applications and decide the winners. All applicants/nominees will receive an email notifying them of the award outcome.
8. The name of the prize winner will be announced in August. Announcements will be made in IPEM's newsletter, on IPEM's LinkedIn page, and on IPEM's website. All unsuccessful candidates/nominators will be notified by email.
9. The prize winner will be invited to the conference dinner and social event at IPEM's Science, Technology, and Engineering Forum (STEF) to receive the award from the IPEM President or their delegate.
10. The candidate may only receive 1 of this award in their lifetime.
11. Rewards
 - A certificate
 - **£250** personal award to be used in whatever manner the recipient deems fit
 - An invitation to the conference dinner at STEF to receive the award from the President.
12. Conditions of acceptance
 - The prize awardee will be asked to provide a brief paragraph and photo to be used in IPEM's media channels. Further details will be communicated when winners are notified.
 - The prize-winner must be prepared to write a 1000-word article in Scope related to their work for submission by the end of September in the year of the award.

Application

1. The candidate or their nominator can fill in the form.
2. If the application is a self-nomination, details of a supporter (person in or outside applicant's department) should be given.
3. If the application is a nomination, the nominator should indicate on the application form whether they consent to their name being shared with the candidate.
4. The citation should describe, in up to 500 words, what significant contribution the candidate has made to improve education or raise awareness of Medical Physics and Engineering through outreach activities.
5. Examples of significant contributions may include:
 - Educational activities, such as demonstrations, workshops, books, or videos.
 - Organising a local open day
 - Talking at a school or careers fair
 - Other, similar activities aimed at and/or involving children and/or adults.
6. It is strongly encouraged that relevant evidence is submitted to substantiate contributions the candidate has made as this will enhance the application. Evidence could include, but is not limited to, supporting statements.

Criteria against which the application will be assessed

1. Has the made a substantial and sustained contribution to improving education or raising awareness of Medical Physics and Engineering through outreach activities.
2. Does the application citation and supporting documentation demonstrate and evidence the candidates significant contributions as outlined above.