

The Francis Crick Lecturer 2007 - Professor Geraint Rees

Professor Geraint Rees (Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging at UCL and the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience) has been awarded the Royal Society's Francis Crick Lectureship for 2007.

The Francis Crick Lecture was established in 2003 following an endowment by Dr Sydney Brenner CH FRS, joint winner of the 2002 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. The prize lecture is delivered each year in any field of the Biological Sciences, but preference is given to the areas in which Francis Crick himself worked: genetics, molecular biology and neurobiology. Fundamental



theoretical work, which was the hallmark of Crick's science, will also be given preference. Importantly, the lectureship is aimed at younger scientists. Ideally, nominees should be under the age of 40, but the intention is that the lecture will be awarded to someone whose career stage corresponds to under 40, thus making allowance for people whose career progression may have followed a less routine or more interrupted path.

Nominations for the Francis Crick Lecture will reopen on 1 December 2007. See www.royalsoc.ac.uk for more information

Epilepsy award

A health award which recognises the efforts of individuals and teams trying to develop better healthcare for the half a million people with epilepsy in the UK and Ireland was launched recently. The BEST (Best Epilepsy Standards Today) award, an initiative of the Joint Epilepsy Council (JEC), aims to raise awareness of the condition and to encourage epilepsy service improvements. Nominations for the award can be made by patients or their family members, voluntary groups and volunteers, primary practice and specialist nurses, health visitors, GPs and pharmacists. Entries can come from health students, administrators, community or hospital healthcare teams and consultants working in England, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

See www.jointepilepsycouncil.org.uk for details. Deadline for nominations is September 7, 2007.

ENS Fellowship Stipend 2008

If you have an experimental project in neurology of your own design and would like to carry it out in the near future, apply now for an ENS Fellowship for the year 2008. The second deadline for this stipend is October 15, 2007.

The European Neurological Society will support the scholarship holder for a period of 6 months, with a monthly stipend of EUR

2,000. The scholarship is to be held at a host institution in Europe during the year 2008.

ENS sponsors this programme to provide an opportunity for talented researchers to participate in an exchange of scientific activities between home and host institutions.

Programme is primarily aimed at young Applicants must be less than 40 years of

age, and affiliated with an academic neurological department. Applicants and / or home or host institution must be active at ENS meetings. The ENS invites applicants from European nations, as well as those outside Europe.

Application forms can be obtained from the web site www.ensinfo.com

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Epilepsy Research UK invites applications for grants to support basic and clinical scientific research in the UK into the causes, treatment and prevention of epilepsy. We encourage applications on all aspects of epilepsy including basic and social science, clinical management and holistic management of patients.

Project grants

Applications are invited for grants up to £80,000 to support a research project lasting a maximum of three years. Applications for smaller sums to support salary costs, purchase of equipment, or student fees are also welcome.

Epilepsy Research UK Fellowship

Applications are invited for grants of between £150,000 and £200,000 over 1-3 years to support the Epilepsy Research UK Fellowship. Funds will cover Fellow's salary, support staff costs and project running costs.

Deadline for receipt of completed applications: **Friday 19 October 2007**

More information and application forms are available from www.epilepsyresearch.org.uk, or Isabella von Holstein, Research and Information Executive, Epilepsy Research UK, PO Box 3004, London W4 4XT.

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Epilepsy Action Research Grants Programme 2007-2008

Applications are invited for proposals to carry out non-laboratory epilepsy research.

Epilepsy Action is offering up to £70,000 for large projects, £15,000 in small grants, a three year PhD studentship (up to £25,000 a year), and a number of postgraduate research bursaries worth £1,500. In addition, we are inviting entries for Epilepsy Action Research Prizes.

Epilepsy Action is the largest member-led epilepsy organisation in Britain. It acts as the voice for the UK's estimated 456,000 people with epilepsy, as well as their friends, families, carers, health professionals and the many other people on whose lives the condition has an impact. We are committed to promoting all types of research into epilepsy, and actively fund a wide range of non-laboratory epilepsy research.



Further details and application packs are available on www.epilepsy.org.uk/research/awards.html or by contacting Margaret Rawnsley on 0113 210 8800. Email research@epilepsy.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 8 October 2007.

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