

# RSSB

## Young Innovator Award



A Better,  
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Railway



## About this competition

In order to continue taking innovative approaches to challenges facing today's railways, we need to encourage young people to 'choose rail' so that we generate new thinking and enable knowledge transfer opportunities.

We also need to retain existing talent, by encouraging the development of new skills as needed and demonstrating how fulfilling and rewarding a career in rail is.

In support of this goal, RSSB (in collaboration with the UK Rail Research and Innovation Network (UKRRIN)), is launching a new annual competition to celebrate the achievements of young rail professionals and early-career researchers making significant contributions to innovation activities in GB rail.

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## Competition guidelines

### Eligibility

This competition is open to young rail professionals and early career researchers working on research and innovation activities in the rail sector, who are within the first ten years of their rail career. The individual must be a member of, or progressing towards membership of CIEHF, CiLT, SaRS, PWI or a Professional Engineering institution.

Applicants must work for, or within a company / institution based primarily in the UK.

### Prize

The recipient of the Young Innovator Award will receive £1000, a commemorative trophy and be invited to present their work in a dedicated slot at the UKRRIN Annual Conference on 21 November.

### Selection criteria

- Quality of work
- Novelty of work
- Impact on the rail industry  
(potential/realised)

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## How to enter

Entrants should complete the application form, limited to no more than three pages, and supported, if necessary, by one relevant published paper.

Applications on behalf of another can also be submitted providing it is with their agreement. These applications will be used to short list potential winners by judges who will have extensive railway experience relevant to research.

Technical principles, showing why the work has the potential to make a significant difference, should be provided but extensive technical detail is not advised.

Applications must be supported by a Senior Manager or Professor in the form of a supporting letter with a brief explanation of how the work either has, or could, make a difference. Where appropriate, this should be supplemented by a reference to published work or specific activities.

### Key Dates

11 October 2019: *Deadline for entries*

25 October 2019: *Winner announced*

21 November 2019: *UKRRIN Annual Conference*