



**Society for Research into Higher Education**

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## **SRHE Prize for Newer Researchers -2010 Call for Applications and Guidelines**

### **Awards in 2010**

Each year the **Society for Research into Higher Education (SRHE)** invites applications from Newer Researchers to enter a research proposal for a small scale project under an SRHE Prize scheme. All entries are reviewed by an expert panel; the successful SRHE prize winner receives a number of benefits from the Society in addition to the prize money awarded to fund the project selected. **Entry is open to all** and not restricted to current SRHE Members. **The SRHE Prize for Newer Researchers is jointly sponsored by SRHE and the Taylor & Francis Group.**

In 2010 there will be two prizes of £3,000 available for a research project of one year's duration. These awards are intended to provide support for early stage researchers in the field of higher education research to enable them to:-

- undertake a study that will prepare the ground for a larger project
- develop research skills which will help advance their research career.

### **Benefits of the Awards**

The primary purpose of these awards is to offer support to Newer Researchers intending to pursue a career in higher education research by providing funding for an initial research project and offering access to the resources of the Society. Successful award holders are provided with the support of a mentor and, for UK based applicants, invited to become a member of the Society's prestigious Research & Development Committee which affords a wider involvement in higher education research developments.

### **Value of the Awards**

The SRHE Prize for Newer Researchers provides:-

- £3,000 ( 4 equal payments paid quarterly)
- the support of an SRHE senior researcher as mentor
- publication by the Society of a paper on the research project undertaken
- presentation of the final paper at SRHE PGNR Conference
- one year's full free membership of the SRHE
- one years free subscription to the Society's main journals, Studies in Higher Education, Higher Education Abstracts & Higher Education Quarterly.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible researchers are those with a minimum of a first undergraduate degree and currently registered as a student with, or undertaking research associated with, a university or college department and with a career interest in higher education research. These awards are not available to support study towards a postgraduate qualification or to support research work intended as the basis for a PhD submission. To qualify you should be within 6 years of the completion of your PhD or equivalent professional standing. This time limit excludes any formal career breaks taken for family responsibilities.

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### Timetable for Applications in 2010

Call for applications opens	December 2009
Call closes	31 March 2010
Short Listing	30 April 2010
Prizes Announced	28 June 2010

Applications must be submitted by the deadline. All Applicants must complete the SRHE Prize for Newer Researchers Application Form. This is available to download at [www.srhe.ac.uk](http://www.srhe.ac.uk).

### Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be taken into consideration:-

- capacity of the applicant to complete the proposed research project
- the applicant's relevant background
- research methodology proposed
- a sound theoretical framework and research design
- manageability of the project and support available from the applicant's institution
- inclusion of detail on costing and timescale
- awareness of existing relevant research knowledge
- breadth of research base proposed
- capacity for wider application of research
- relevance of research proposal to future career development
- originality of the research questions proposed
- relevance to the work of the SRHE.

*The award of the prize is made strictly on the merit of the proposed project. under the guidelines outlined above. The decision of the SRHE Research & Development Committee is final. The Society reserves the right not to offer the prize if applications do not meet the required standard.*

### Responsibilities of Prize Holders

Recipients of the SRHE Newer Researchers Prize must:-

- fully account for all expenditure on the project (quarterly payments are paid against presented accounts and receipts)
- provide quarterly reports on progress
- attend meetings of the Research & Development committee if UK resident (funding additional to the prize money is only available within the UK for travel costs associated with these meetings)
- Submit an abstract on research for presentation at the Society's annual PGNR conference in December 2011
- provide a fully referenced research paper on the outcome of their research project for publication by SRHE and possible presentation to a relevant group.

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