

Information for the role of Eric Reid Committee Early Careers Representative

The Biochemical Society's Eric Reid Committee Early Career Representative represents the views of early career members and the wider early career community on the Eric Reid Committee. This committee oversees the reviewing and awarding of grants for the Eric Reid Fund for Methodology, which is open once a year. This fund awards grants of either £3,500 or £5,000 to support methodology, with a preference for cellular or bioanalytical work. The Eric Reid Committee currently comprises of 6 members and meets once a year in May to agree on the awardees and future direction of the grant fund.

The Early Career Representative should typically be within 10 years of their latest qualification (as per the Society's definition of 'early career') and be willing to review grant applications and represent the views of the early career community within the Committee, and across the Society's strategy, activities, and resources.

Committee Summary

Eric Reid Committee

1. Background

The Fund was endowed by a Trust (Guildford Academic Associates) co-founded in 1981 by Dr Eric Reid, an Emeritus Member. The emphasis is on methodology, with a preference for cellular or bioanalytical work. The committee considers applications for the fund that are carefully compiled and scientifically convincing.

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- Developing and applying a new technique
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- Feasibility studies by new staff before they apply to a major award-granting body

2. Duties

Duties are to oversee the reviewing of all applications received and to finalise the awarding decisions for the Eric Reid Fund for Methodology.

3. Membership

This Committee currently has six (6) members (including the Chair), but we are looking to expand that with the addition of an Early Careers Representative role, to make a total of seven (7).

4. Meetings

They meet in person once a year in May, with reviewing done via email from end of March.

5. Reporting

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Information for the role of Eric Reid Committee Ordinary Member

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