

Plowright Prize Guidelines for 2025/2026 submissions

What are we looking for

A veterinary surgeon, veterinary nurse or research scientist at any stage in their career whose work demonstrates a significant contribution towards the control, management or eradication of infectious diseases of animals.

The nominees' future plans for the Prize money must provide evidence of how their work will increase or improve knowledge within the field of infectious diseases of animals as well as inspire the next generation of veterinary professionals and scientists to undertake vital research into infectious diseases of animals.

Who can be nominated

Veterinary surgeons, veterinary nurses or research scientists working in Europe or the Commonwealth.

Who can be a nominator

Nominators must be willing to provide a statement of recommendation explaining why the nominee is deserving of the Plowright Prize. Nominations are welcomed from: Veterinary Practices, Heads of University Departments or Faculties, from the Directors of Research Institutes and from Fellows of the Royal Society, members of other European Academies of Sciences, members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and members of the Microbiology Society.

Selection Criteria

The judging panel decide the winner of the Plowright Prize based on the following criteria:

1. If the nominee's previous work demonstrates involvement in a field related to the control, management or eradication of infectious diseases of animals.
2. If the nominee has contributed towards the development of expertise within infectious diseases in the veterinary field.
3. Whether the nominee's published work demonstrates their impact on the control, management or eradication of infectious diseases in animals.
4. If the proposed future research plan is likely to increase or improve knowledge within the field of infectious diseases of animals.

5. If the proposed future research plan will encourage and inspire the next generation of veterinary professionals and scientists to undertake vital research into infectious diseases of animals.

If you have any further questions, please contact ebvm@rcvknowledge.org.