

The Plowright Prize 2025/26

Terms and conditions for Plowright Prize nominators & nominees

These conditions define the basis on which RCVS Knowledge offers the Plowright Prize. RCVS Knowledge seeks to establish a partnership with prize recipients in which each party is clear as to its rights and obligations. Accepting the prize from RCVS Knowledge implies the understanding and acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

Plowright Prize nominator obligations

1. The nominator should complete the nomination form completely and accurately, following the instructions in each section. It is important that the nominator provides as much relevant information as possible about the nominee to explain what their contribution or impact has been.
2. The nominator should provide their contact details so that RCVS Knowledge can acknowledge the nomination. We regret that we cannot correspond on the merits of a particular nomination.

Plowright Prize nominee obligations

3. The prize recipient is assumed to be the person stated in the 'Nominee details' of the nomination form. This person must have made a significant impact on the control, management or eradication of infectious diseases in animals. Their contribution will demonstrate animal, humanitarian or economic benefit.
4. This person must be a veterinary surgeon, veterinary nurse or research scientist who fulfils the eligibility criteria and works in Europe or the Commonwealth.
5. The prize recipient will receive prize money to be used to support research or other improvement activity that contributes to the control, management or eradication of infectious diseases in animals. For these purposes, the term 'animal' includes both domestic and free-living species – mammals, birds or fish.
6. The prize panel will need to be satisfied that the funding will be used to support the research or improvement activity described above.
7. RCVS Knowledge will consider all nominations submitted before 31 January 2026.
8. Prize winners are expected to provide an annual report to RCVS Knowledge.

9. The recipient of the prize will receive a Confirmation Form, which must be returned within two weeks of receipt.
10. The prize recipient will be expected to attend an awards ceremony at RCVS Day in July 2026. If a prize recipient is unable to attend, notification must be sent in writing to ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org as soon as possible.
11. The prize recipient will receive an Expense Claim Form, which they must return to RCVS Knowledge with all relevant receipts to be reimbursed up to £200 towards reasonable travel costs to RCVS Day. If the prize recipient is based outside of the UK and reasonable costs of attending the RCVS Day exceed these limits, the prize recipient should notify ebvm@rcvsknowledge.org so that the RCVS Knowledge Chief Executive Officer can advise what expenses can be covered in these circumstances.
12. All payments, including the prize and expenses, will be made via bank transfer.
13. Any person previously selected as a recipient of the prize shall not be eligible for consideration for a subsequent prize.
14. In the exceptional event that the scientific contribution is judged to be equally the work of more than one person, the prize will be shared equally between the relevant nominees.
15. The prize recipient must use the funding to support research or other improvement activity as outlined in 'Intended use of Prize fund' section of the Plowright Prize nomination form.
16. The prize recipient will be expected to assist in the promotion of the Plowright Prize as agreed between the prize recipient and RCVS Knowledge, to inspire the next generation of veterinary surgeons, nurses and scientists. The promotion of the Plowright Prize might include – but is not limited to – presenting the prize recipient's work at conferences, lecture tours, public engagement activities and promotion through RCVS Knowledge and external media. When agreed in advance what will be covered, RCVS Knowledge will cover reasonable expenses incurred during these activities.
17. RCVS Knowledge will announce the name of the prize recipient; the prize recipient should not disclose or promote their receipt of the prize until the official RCVS Knowledge announcement has taken place.
18. The panel reserves the right not to award the prize if the standard of the nominations is not deemed to be of sufficient quality.

RCVS Knowledge obligations

19. The Plowright Prize is administered by RCVS Knowledge, under the general guidance of the Plowright Prize panel.
20. RCVS Knowledge will publicise details of the prize and the names of the prize recipient in our annual report, website, and other relevant publications, and will seek to promote these in relevant external media.
21. Details of the Plowright Prize winner and their intended use of the Prize, including stimulating further research and improvement activities and supporting the development of expertise in the area of infectious disease within the veterinary profession, will be shared via the RCVS Knowledge website and media channels.
22. As such, material may be published on the RCVS Knowledge website under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public Licence. Users may copy and redistribute this material, provided that they comply with the terms of the Licence, including in particular giving appropriate credit to the creator of the material in line with your permission agreement.

Withdrawal of the Prize

23. RCVS Knowledge reserves the right at any time and without notice to withdraw a prize, in full or in part, if the prize recipient fails to comply with these terms and conditions. This includes failure to confirm acceptance of the prize.

Modification or variation of regulations

24. RCVS Knowledge reserves the right to modify, add to, or vary these regulations, as it sees fit, and undertakes to give prior notice to the prize recipient of any change. RCVS Knowledge will seek to ensure that the prize recipient is not disadvantaged by such changes.
25. In accepting the Plowright Prize, the prize recipient is bound by these terms and conditions.