

# Heriot-Watt launch Scottish Energy News Researcher of the Year Award

Heriot-Watt University's Energy Academy has started a search for the best company executive or worker, researcher and student undertaking energy-related research, R&D, or study in Scotland.

Working in partnership with Scottish Energy News, the Energy Academy has launched a competition called the Heriot-Watt Scottish Energy News Researcher of the Year Awards and will make prizes of £500 available in each of the following categories: –

*Energy and the environment*

*Energy and the marine environment*

*Energy materials and storage*

*Fossil fuels*

*Energy infrastructure and society*

*Energy entrepreneurship*

The awards will be hosted at the head office of the UK Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh and prizes will be presented in May 2015 by Fergus Ewing, MSP, Scottish Government Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism.

This means that the prize money available in this year's competition will total at least £3,000 – and may be more depending on the number of commercial sponsors that come forward.

Students and young professional energy researchers from all other universities and colleges, as well as from young graduates working in the Scottish energy industry are now

invited to enter the inaugural Heriot-Watt University – Scottish Energy News Researcher of the Year Awards 2014-2015.

The competition was formally launched by Professor Stephen Chapman, Principal of Heriot Watt University, at the University's first Energy Showcase event where more than 120 energy industry experts gathered to hear about research and partnership opportunities to drive innovation in the sector.

Dr. Patrick McCarthy, from Heriot Watt University's Energy Academy, said: "To enter, the only requirement is that you have less than 10-years of experience working in energy-related research or R&D, or you are a student enrolled on an under-graduate or post-graduate programme of learning in Scotland.

"To have a chance of success, if you are a student, you will have either an outstanding academic record relative to your peers. If you are a researcher or are working in energy-related R&D you will have made an outstanding contribution to your chosen field of research or energy entrepreneurship.

"Applicants may nominate themselves or be nominated for consideration. How you convince the judges that you are worthy of consideration is up to you. Good luck – and don't be shy coming forward."

Candidates should send applications for the Heriot-Watt University – Scottish Energy News Researcher of the Year Awards 2014-2015 by email to:

HWU-ScottishEnergyNews-Awards@hw.ac.uk

The deadline for entries is 31 January 2015.