

## **Malcolm Blackwell Memorial Award**

### ***Award attributes***

The Malcolm Blackwell Memorial Award is nominated by members of the Network for Early-Stage Toxicologists (NEST) of the BTS to recognise an individual deemed inspirational, impactful and a role model to members of the NEST.

The successful awardee will be an invited guest at the BTS annual congress, where they will receive their award and deliver the NEST invitation lecture.

### ***Awarded***

Annually

### ***History***

Dr Malcolm Blackwell was Chief Scientific Officer of Sequani and long-term supporter of the BTS. Malcolm began his toxicology career as an animal technician within Universities of Birmingham and Leicester before joining Safepharm as a study supervisor. Whilst at Safepharm he studied part-time to complete his undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at Trent Polytechnic (now Nottingham Trent University) and then his PhD from the University of Derby in the area of respiratory sensitisers, consequently progressing from Head of Repeat-Dose and Inhalation Toxicology to Director of Mammalian Toxicology within Sequani. Malcolm was highly respected in the field of respiratory and regulatory toxicology. His experience led to Malcolm becoming Director of Science and subsequently Chief Scientific Officer at the CRO Sequani, roles which sandwiched a period at Covance (now LabCorp).

Malcolm was an exceptional toxicologist and scientist known to be generous with his knowledge and his time to every person who came to see him, supporting technicians starting out in their career as unfailingly as he supported senior toxicologists. This award is given in dedication of Malcolm to reflect his support for those working in the field of toxicology, through recognition of an individual who is an inspirational role-model to early-stage toxicologists of the BTS, a Society he supported throughout his career.

### ***Support provided***

The award covers the successful awardee's registration for the BTS Annual Congress and associated travel and accommodation costs, in accordance with the BTS Travel Policy.

### ***Candidate Attributes***

The nominee will be a BTS member identified and nominated by the BTS NEST Sub-Committee. There are no restrictions on the level of experience or career stage of the nominee. However, the nominated individual is required to have been a BTS member for a minimum of 2 years.

### ***Application process***

Early-stage members of the BTS nominate an individual for this award by providing their details to the chair of the NEST Sub-Committee. The NEST Sub-Committee will review the nominations and provide details of nominees and their recommendation for the award to the BTS nominations sub-committee, which makes recommendations for final approval by the Executive Committee.

The successful awardee will be notified by the Chair of NEST Sub-Committee by the end of January preceding the Annual Congress.

### ***Application requirements***

The nominator should send the following information to the NEST chair:

- Name and contact details for the nominee
- Name and details of the nominator, including confirmation of their status as an early-stage toxicologist within the BTS
- A brief summary of the reason for the nomination (no more than 250 words), including how the individual has inspired and been a role model for the nominator.

### ***Submission***

Nominations for the award should be sent to the Chair of the NEST Sub-Committee ([nest@thebts.org](mailto:nest@thebts.org)) by the stated deadline in December.