

Colour Group Awards - Guidance

The Colour Group (Great Britain)

Application for WD Wright or Palmer Award

The goal of the Colour Group awards scheme is to encourage students and young researchers to present their work at national and international meetings, and to benefit from interaction with the international colour community. Applications must be substantially related to the subject of colour, but may be based in any discipline or mix of disciplines. Both research-based and practice-based work will be considered.

There are two sets of awards, each made in alternate years:

- The **WD Wright** award, in all fields, intended primarily for Post Graduate students and made in even calendar years.
- The **Palmer** award, in colour science and colour imaging, intended for both Post Graduate students and Post Doctoral Fellows (or equivalent) and made in odd calendar years.

The maximum award to any applicant is £500.

The award is intended as a contribution toward the costs of travel and subsistence, not to pay the meeting registration fee.

An applicant must reside in the UK and be registered as a post-graduate student or a postdoctoral research fellow at a UK university or College of Higher Education. There is no restriction on nationality, ethnic origin, age, gender or religion of applicants.

No more than two applications will be accepted from the same supervisor.

An applicant who submits a successful application in one year may not submit an application in the following year.

Officers and Committee members of the Colour Group are not eligible for any award.

The application deadline is set at the end of February, with the aim of formal announcement of successful applicants at the Colour Group AGM in May.

Each applicant is asked to submit an application form which includes a minimum of a 300 word abstract of the intended presentation, a 2-page research summary, a CV and a justification for requesting the award.

The application process is competitive, so that in general not all of the applications will be successful.

Each recipient of an award is asked to make a presentation at a forthcoming Colour Group Meeting, usually in the autumn. He/she is also asked to provide a copy of the conference presentation or poster (e.g. PDF of a PowerPoint file) and a version of the paper submitted to the conference proceedings. These will be posted on the Colour Group website, linked to the award details, and an abstract published in the Newsletter.

Recipients of awards, who are not members of the Colour Group, are offered one year's free membership.

The applicant's supervisor/institution must confirm in a separate email that the applicant is registered at the stated university/college in the UK.

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To apply, please complete all sections of this form and email it as an attachment to:

Dr Michael R Pointer at: mrpointer@btinternet.com

Closing dates for the next round of awards:

WD Wright FRIDAY, 24 February 2012

Palmer FRIDAY, 1 March 2013

Some Thoughts on Applying for Colour Group Awards

The Colour Group uses a peer review procedure with at least five reviewers to judge the applications for its travel awards.

The awards are judged on the perceived quality of the work done, as well as the quality of the actual application.

The applications need to show a degree of individuality. It is important that the applicant puts their research into context, i.e. explains the motivation, objectives, background, other work, etc.

It is also important that the applicant explain the significance of their results, i.e. how they are related to other people's findings and how they might be exploited to advantage in practical applications. In addition, the applicant should include a clear statement on the benefit of the work to the general public.

Multiple entries from one department are not usually a good idea. We do not award more than two awards to any particular department in any one year. It would be better to use an internal process to limit the number of applicants and select the two or three best and then to coach those students to develop their proposals more effectively. This is more likely to yield a better outcome than asking every student to submit something that does not present the research in an effective way.