



## **Roger V Short Medal and Lecture**

### **1. Purpose**

The RV Short Medal and Lecture will be awarded annually to an innovative young researcher who has made outstanding discoveries in the field of reproductive science within 10 years of establishing their independence. The intent of the award is to recognize those who possess the spirit of discovery, creativity and imagination epitomized by the career of Roger Short.

This prestigious international award is a joint initiative of the Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB, Australia and New Zealand), the Society for Reproduction and Fertility (SRF, UK) and the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR, North America) to support and encourage outstanding young researchers in the reproductive sciences.

### **2. RSML Awards Committee**

The RSML Awards Committee will have international membership and consist of a Chair and five members (a total of two from each society).

The Roger Short Medal will be awarded annually. The method of evaluating candidates and selecting the Awardee will be according to merit, as evidenced by the application using a scoring process determined by the RSML Awards Committee.

### **3. Location of the Medal Lecture**

The Medal Lecture will usually be held in a major city selected by the Home Society, the location of which will normally be determined by the country of residence of the successful candidate and the location of their research institution. In the event that an Awardee does not reside in the USA, UK or Australia, consideration may be given to holding the Medal Lecture in one of these countries if organising the Lecture is otherwise challenging. Consideration should also be given to locating the Lecture on different continents in different years. In the event that an Awardee is required to travel, the costs of their travel will be borne by the Home Society.

### **4. Funding**



The amount of USD 1,000 Honorarium will be awarded to the recipient. IFRS will also reimburse the recipients institution \$500 in support of a reception to take place in conjunction with the lecture. Hosting a reception is optional.

## 5. Publicity

A joint press release will be prepared by the RSML Awards Committee and distributed by email, newsletter, website and other media by each of the three Societies.

A record of each of the Short Medallists, including a short biography and portrait of the medallist, will be maintained on websites of the three Societies. The RSML Awards Committee Chair will be responsible for preparing the biography of the Awardee of the year of their chairmanship.

## 6. Timeline

Committees appointed – mid-Feb  
Nominations opened - mid-March  
Submission deadline - mid-May (Date TBC)  
Winner selected - mid-June  
Applicants notified - end of June  
Award lecture – Timing is flexible but no later than March of the following year

## Nominations

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The following guidelines for nominations apply:



Any regular member of the SRB, SRF or SSR may nominate a candidate, irrespective of the candidate's country of origin or, whether or not the candidate has been nominated for or received a Society Award.

The Roger Short Medal and Lecture (RSML) Awards Committee will select the Medallist from the nominations received, notwithstanding the candidates' country of origin.

It is expected that the candidate is, or will become, a member of one of the Societies.

Nominations are to be submitted online to the RSML Awards Website and/or to a nominated RSML Committee member's email address according to instructions provided on each Society's web page, by a specified closing date normally at least 6 months before the time of the Lecture. RSML Awards Committee members cannot nominate a person for the Award. Nominators should not have a direct conflict of interest with the Nominee.

A previous RV Short Medallist is not eligible for nomination.

Previous unsuccessful applicants, who meet the eligibility criteria, are welcome to be re-nominated.

The candidate must agree to be nominated and to any audio-visual requirements in conjunction with the Award.

The Nomination will consist of the following components provided in a single pdf file;

**1. Brief Citation** (1-2 pages)

The Nominator should:

- Describe the candidate's key discoveries and/or achievements in a clear, concise and sufficiently technical way to allow RSML Awards Committee members to make a confident assessment of the candidate's work; and
- Describe the nature, impact, and importance of the candidate's discoveries and achievements in relation to reproductive science.

**2. Curriculum Vitae** (Max. 5 pages, min. font size 11 – arial)

- a) past and current positions;



- b) honors and awards;
- c) publications as independent investigator (original articles, reviews, books/commentaries; indicate pubs), indicate career total, total number of citations and a link to publicly available publication list;
- d) invited lectures / talks as independent investigator (local, regional, national and international); indicate career total;
- d) grants (principal/chief and co-investigator);
- e) training of next generation of reproduction scientists;
- e) leadership in the field of reproduction (society roles/membership, committee membership, conference/symposia organization, editorial board, reviewer, advocacy, and outreach);
- f) a brief section may be included on any legitimate career disruption incurred by the candidate.

### **3. List of up to 5 Publications**

A list of up to 5 most significant publications, each including up to 50 words explaining why they are significant. Outline the candidate's specific role in the research and indicate percentage contribution.

### **4. Non-Technical Description of the Work** (Maximum 150 words)

Include a non-technical description of the candidate's work directed to a non-scientific audience and cover the significance of the candidate's research and its broader implications. This description may be used by the Societies for publicity purposes, if a candidate is successful.

### **5. Referees**

The Nominator should submit a minimum of two (and no more than 5) referees' reports of up to 2 pages at the time of nomination, in addition to the Nominator's citation. Nominators should choose referees based on their standing in the field of reproductive science. Of the two required referees, one should be very familiar with the candidate and their work, and one referee should be independent of the candidate (no current or previous employment, professional or personal relationship). Referees should declare their relationship with the candidate, and any additional conflict of interest they may hold or be perceived to hold.



“Reproduction is the science of the transmission of life – what could be more exciting” – Roger Short



## Appendix A: Host Society and Committee Membership

### Host Society

Year	Host Society	Chair
2023	SSR	Pete Hansen
2024	SRF	Richard Lea
2025	SRB	Sarah Robertson
2026	SSR	Mellissa Mann

### Committee Membership

Year	Society	Member	Term
2023	SRB	Brett Nix	2023-2024
(inaugural)	SRB	Josephine Bowles	2023
	SRF	Richard Lea	2023
	SRF	Suman Rice	2023-2025
	SSR	Pete Hansen (Chair)	2023
	SSR	Blanche Capel	2023-2024
	SSR	Troy Ott	2023
2024	SRB	Richard Lea (Chair)	2024
	SRB	Suman Rice	Jan 2023 – Dec 2025
	SRB	Kim Jonas	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
	SRF	Brett Nixon	Jan 2023 – Dec 2024
	SRF	Sarah Robertson	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
	SSR	Blanche Capel	Jan 2023 – Dec 2024
	SSR	Jennifer Wood	Jan 2024 – July 2024
	SSR	Niamh Ford (invitation)	2024
	SSR	Mellissa Mann	Jul 2024 – Dec 2026
2025	SRB	Suman Rice	Jan 2023 – Dec 2025
	SRB	Kim Jonas	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
	SRF	Sarah Robertson (Chair)	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
	SRF	Robert Gilchrist	Jan 2025 – Dec 2027
	SSR	Mellissa Mann	July 2024 – Dec 2026
	SSR	Monika Ward	Jan 2025 – Dec 2027
2026	SRB	Suman Rice	Jan 2023 – Dec 2025
	SRB	Kim Jonas	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026



	SRF	Sarah Robertson	Jan 2024 – Dec 2026
	SRF	Robert Gilchrist	Jan 2025 – Dec 2027
	SSR	Mellissa Mann (Chair)	July 2024 – Dec 2026
	SSR	Monika Ward	Jan 2025 – Dec 2027