

MGS Len Threadgold Early Career Award – Invitation for Applications

We would like to invite applicants for the MGS Threadgold Early Career Award. This award is an opportunity for young geotechnical professionals to showcase their work and early career progression.

The winner of the MGS Len Threadgold Early Career Award will be put forward on behalf of the Society to be considered in the national competition for sponsorship from the British Geotechnical Association (BGA) to attend the International Young Engineers Conference on Soil Mechanics the following year.

There will also be the following MGS prizes awarded:

- 1st place: £100
- 2nd place: £50
- 3rd place: £25
- 4th place: £10

Eligibility:

- Entrants must be a member of the Midland Geotechnical Society.
- Be under the age of 33 on 1st November in the year they are submitting their application.
- Be available to present at the December MGS lecture if shortlisted.
- Be available to update their submitted abstract to meet the specific requirements of the upcoming International Young Engineers Conference on Soil Mechanics, if required.

To enter:

- Please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words on a topic dealing with the engineering behaviour of the ground. This could be a description of an industrial design or construction project, a research paper or the development of a new piece of equipment. The abstract should focus on your personal contribution to the project.
- The top four entries as assessed anonymously by current MGS committee will be asked to give a 10 minute presentation at the MGS December meeting plus 5 minutes of questions.
- The nominees will be assessed on whether they demonstrate a clear understanding of their chosen subject material, an ability to communicate effectively but succinctly through their synopsis, demonstrate an understanding of geotechnical practices and the associated risks and make clear their personal contribution to the material under discussion with an acknowledgement of any relevant collaboration.
- The four finalists will be scored based on the quality and content of their abstract submission and presentation, by a panel of judges.
- The entrant must be the sole author of this presentation and synopsis.

Key dates:

- Closing date for entries is the **last Friday before the November MGS meeting date.**
- Top four entries will be informed **within 7 days of the November MGS meeting date.**

- 10 minute presentation for top four entries to be given at the **MGS evening meeting in December**.
- See <http://midlandgeotechnicalsociety.org.uk/meetings.shtml> for MGS meeting dates

Contact:

- Entries should be submitted to the Society's Chair by email with the subject title 'MGS Early Career Award – Application': fiona.hughes@arup.com
- Any questions should also be directed to the same email address