BCLA DA VINCI AWARD CRITERIA

The BCLA Da Vinci Award recognises work or an idea from any member of the contact lens industry in its widest sense. It is given biennially to the author of a completed project or practical contribution to the field of contact lenses and/or anterior eye.

It is intended that this Award should recognise work by those who are not established contact lens researchers; specifically, <u>applicants should not have published more than five papers related to the field of contact lenses and/or anterior eye.</u> Equally, the award may be given in recognition of a useful contribution by a member of staff within the contact lens-related manufacture and supply industry.

This award will be given to the candidate whose completed project (or summary of practical contribution), relating to design, manufacture, clinical research, or instrumentation in the field of contact lens practice and/or anterior eye. This will be judged by the BCLA Academic Committee from those abstracts submitted to the biennial BCLA Clinical Conference & Exhibition in the UK and whose first author identifies themselves as having published less than 5 papers in the field of contact lenses and/or anterior eye.

Applications will be assessed on originality, presentation, and overall methodology. Once ratified by the BCLA Council, the decision of the BCLA Academic Committee is final and binding. Under no circumstance will correspondence be entered into.

The winning applicant will receive:

- One conference package comprising delegate fee and accommodation to the BCLA 2025 Clinical Conference & Exhibition
- Award plaque

HOW TO APPLY

Authors who are submitting an abstract for the 2025 BCLA call for papers/posters will have the opportunity to apply.

If you are submitting an abstract for inclusion in the 2025 Clinical Conference & Exhibition and would like to be considered for the BCLA Da Vinci Award, please apply on the [BCLA call for papers/posters submission form.](#)

We invite applications from 9am (BST) on 9 September 2024.

The application deadline is 9am (GMT) Monday 3 February 2025.