**The BCLA Medal**

The BCLA Medal is the Association’s most prestigious award. It is awarded to an individual at the biennial BCLA Clinical Conference and Exhibition and recognises outstanding achievement in the field of contact lenses and/or anterior eye. This could represent a significant contribution to the development, understanding, appreciation or usage of contact lenses, through invention, research, industrial work, clinical practice, or a similar level of contribution relating to anterior eye or technology for assessing the anterior eye, or such other means that are considered appropriate by the BCLA Council.

**How to nominate:**

1. Nominations for the award should be submitted to events@bcla.org.uk by 8 November 2024.
2. Any member of the BCLA may nominate any person they feel is qualified for the award.
3. The nomination must include an up-to-date CV and a summary highlighting the nominee’s achievements, paying particular attention to how they meet the criteria.
4. All applications will be reviewed in confidence by the BCLA Academic Committee. The decision of the Committee, once ratified by the BCLA Council, is final and binding. Under no circumstance will correspondence be entered into.
5. The decision will be made in December 2024.
6. The Medal is presented at the BCLA Clinical Conference and Exhibition on 5 - 7 June 2025. The Medallist will be invited to attend the Conference as a guest of the BCLA, which will provide complementary conference registration and accommodation. Travel expenses from the recipient's place of residence will be paid by the BCLA.
7. The recipient of the award will be presented with a specially struck medallion by the President of the BCLA, who will read a citation describing the achievements of the recipient in the field of contact lenses.
8. The Medallist will be invited to give a 60-minute address on any topic that relates to their work in the field of contact lenses and or anterior eye. This address will be delivered immediately following the award citation. The Medallist may be invited to submit their address in manuscript form to Contact Lens and Anterior Eye, the journal of the BCLA, for consideration for publication.
9. If, for any reason, the Medallist cannot deliver an address or attend the Conference, this will not preclude them from receiving the medal.

**2025 BCLA Medal Nomination Form**

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| **Nominee’s Full Name**  |
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| **Nominee’s Contact Details *(email address, telephone)*** |
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| **Rationale for nomination *(400 words max. Please include the nominee’s CV)*** |
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| **Nominator’s full name** |
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| **Nominator’s contact details *(email address, telephone)*** |
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| **Date** |
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To be considered for the 2025 Medal, please return the nomination form by **8 November 2024**, together with any additional pertinent information via email to **events@bcla.org.uk**