**Willy Aspinall Award scoring guidelines**

The Willy Aspinall Prize may be made annually to the lead author of an outstanding paper on applied volcanology or geoheritage published in English, who is within three years of their being awarded a PhD at a university in the UK

Preference will be given to papers which reflect Professor Aspinall’s main interests in *volcano geophysics, monitoring of volcanoes, early warning, volcanic hazards and risk assessment*. Topics including social volcanology and geoheritage are also eligible.

The committee will take into consideration the following points:

• Novelty

• Quality

• Practical applicability in volcanology

The awards panel are required to watch (or re-watch) the Royal Society video on Unconscious Bias immediately before assessing applications <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/publications/2015/unconscious-bias/> and then asked to rank the applications.

The awards panel reserves the right to make no award in any given year. It may also be appropriate for a joint award to be granted in any given year.

Scoring rubric:

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|  | Marks (out of 5 – 1 low, 5 high) |
| Within the themes of the Willy Aspinall award? |  |
| Novelty – *motivation is unusual or different; does student contribution shine through?* |  |
| Quality – *dataset, figures, interpretation, conclusions* |  |
| Practical applicability in applied volcanology |  |
| Statement of support |  |
| **Total (out of 25)** |  |

Comments: