**AES Early Career Researcher Award: Guidelines**

The AES Early Career Researcher Award will be given to a researcher less than 5 years post-PhD who has made substantive and significant contributions to evolutionary biology. The awardee is expected to have multiple research outputs and show a strong trajectory in research quality, independence, and leadership.

The Award includes an invitation to present an online talk at AES 2020 and a prize of $1000.

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must have a Ph.D. conferred within the previous 5 years (since 1 December 2015). If you have experienced career disruptions, please briefly describe the length and nature of the disruption.
2. 2.The applicant must have either received their Ph.D. at an institution within Australasia or currently be employed as a researcher at an institution within Australasia.

Applicants will be evaluated based upon the (demonstrated with evidence):

• Significance, innovation, creativity and/or impact of their research

• Research achievements given their access to opportunity

• Independence and leadership of their research.

We highly recommend that applicants consult with a mentor before applying.

**Application process:**

The application can be completed on line, you will need to prepare:

1. A short description of your contribution to the field of Evolutionary Biology. You should address at least one of the following: Significance, Creativity, Impact (500 words max).
2. An outline of career disruptions: 200-word section may be used to describe any career interruptions or impediments experienced by the applicant.
3. A 1-page CV. Be sure to indicate Positions Held, Prior and Current Mentors, Research Outputs (publications and non-publication outputs). If your publication list requires more that one page, please provide a link to a google scholar page.

Submit the application using the online google form, by **November 15th, 2020**.