

L&O Letters Early Career Publication Honor application form

We invite applications for the 2024 Limnology & Oceanography Letters Early Career Publication Honor that pays the publication cost of open-access articles authored by Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in need. The Honor was conceived and is managed by ASLO's Raelyn Cole Editorial Fellows to support publication of innovative research in the aquatic sciences by ECRs who have no funding or prospects for securing funding to pay the cost of open-access publication.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

Relevant information for completing your application

Make sure to include our correspondence email (rcef.aslo@gmail.com) in your Safe Senders list, or you risk not receiving communication about your application to the Publication Honor.

Limnology & Oceanography Letters publishes high quality manuscripts in the field of aquatic sciences. Therefore, this honor is made available for scientists with studies in the field of **aquatic sciences**. If your work is in a different field, you will not be considered for the Publication Honor.

For information on L&O Letters article types, please visit

<https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/23782242/about/author-guidelines#Articletypes>.

For information on how to write a Scientific Significance Statement, please visit

<https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/23782242/about/author-guidelines#Scientificsignificance>.

For information about L&O Letters data-publishing policy, and how to ensure you can meet this requirement, please visit

<https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/23782242/about/author-guidelines#data> and read <https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/lo12.10252>.

Please note that two types of authorship are mentioned in this application, first author and corresponding author.

While applicants can share **first authorship** with another scientist, the joint first author, herein referred to as the secondary applicant, must be another early career scientist. Applications in which the secondary applicant is not an early career scientist (as defined in this call) will not be accepted.

Corresponding authorship, however, can be shared between you (the primary applicant) and a scientist in any career stage (your supervisor, for example, the co-corresponding author).

We also advise that, by applying, you agree that the data collected in this form can be reused in the future by ASLO and the Raelyn Cole Editorial Fellows to assess the L&O Letters Early Career Publication Honor program, and shared publicly to disseminate the program and its achievements. Any data shared with the public will be shown anonymized and in the aggregate to avoid the identification of individual applicants.

2. Have you familiarised yourself with the relevant information for completing your application?

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Primary applicant details

These are questions about you, the early career researcher applying for the Publication Honor.

Questions with an asterisk are mandatory. If questions are not applicable to you, please write N/A.

If you have a second ECR as a first author, please complete the section "Secondary applicant details" with their information.

3. Please provide your full name. *

4. Please provide your email. *

5. What is your affiliation (institute and/or university) for the work described in this application? *

6. What is your affiliation (country) for the work described in this application? *

7. What is your current affiliation (name of institute/university and country), if different *
from that for the work described in this application?
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8. What is your current position? *

Mark only one oval.

- B.Sc. student
- M.Sc. student
- PhD candidate
- Laboratory technician
- Volunteer
- Postdoctoral fellow
- Researcher (without a PhD)
- Researcher (post-PhD)
- Lecturer
- Other: _____

9. What is the date of the highest degree you obtained? *

Mark only one oval.

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

10. What is the highest degree you have obtained (finalised) to date? *

Mark only one oval.

B.Sc.

M.Sc.

PhD

Other: _____

11. What is the title of the highest degree you obtained (e.g., Oceanography, Biology, * Ecology, Geology, etc)?

12. Are you a current ASLO member? (ASLO membership is not a selection criterion) *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

13. How did you hear about this honor? *

Mark only one oval.

ASLO member email

Twitter

Email lists

LinkedIn

Facebook

Instagram

Word of mouth

Other: _____

14. Would you like to share your social media (X, Instagram, Facebook) handles with us? We will use these to promote the articles published by *L&O Letters* from the Early Career Publication Honor. If you don't want to share or don't have social media accounts, please write NA. *

Secondary applicant details

This section should only be filled by applicants with two ECRs as joint first authors. If you have a joint first author, make sure you answer all questions in this section. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note that the status of first author can be shared between two scientists (primary and secondary applicants), but only if both authors are early career researchers. If the joint first author is a middle or late career researcher your application will not be considered.

15. Are you submitting an application with joint first authorship? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

16. Secondary applicant: Please provide their full name.

17. Secondary applicant: What is their affiliation (name of institute/university and country) for the work described in this application?

18. Secondary applicant: What is their current affiliation (name of institute/university and country), if different from that for the work described in this application?

19. Secondary applicant: What is their current position?

Mark only one oval.

- B.Sc. student
- M.Sc. student
- PhD candidate
- Laboratory technician
- Volunteer
- Postdoctoral fellow
- Researcher (without a PhD)
- Researcher (post-PhD)
- Lecturer
- Other: _____

20. Secondary applicant: What is the date of the highest degree they obtained?

Mark only one oval.

- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

21. What is the highest degree they have obtained (finalised) to date? *

Mark only one oval.

B.Sc.

M.Sc.

PhD

Other: _____

22. Secondary applicant: What is the title of the highest degree they obtained (e.g., Oceanography, Biology, Ecology, Geology, etc)?

Co-corresponding author

This section should only be filled by applicants who wish to have two corresponding authors listed in their manuscripts. If you have a second corresponding author, make sure you answer all questions in this section. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note that the status of corresponding author can be shared between two scientists, with no restrictions on the career stage of your co-corresponding authors (i.e., it can be your supervisor, for example).

23. Do you have a second corresponding author? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

24. What is the full name of your co-corresponding author?

25. What is the affiliation (name of institute/university and country) of your co-corresponding author?

Short answer questions about the manuscript you propose in this application

Questions with an asterisk are mandatory.

26. Is the topic of your study within the field of aquatic sciences? Please note that if * your research is not related to marine or freshwater environment(s), it falls outside the scope of *L&O Letters* and cannot, therefore, be considered for this honor.

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

27. All submissions to L&O Letters require a Scientific Significance Statement. * Please provide one for your study (750 characters maximum including spaces). Depending on the stage of your data analysis, the resolution statement can be either concrete or may represent the expected resolution.

For information on how to write a Scientific Significance Statement, please visit <https://aslopubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/hub/journal/23782242/about/author-guidelines#Scientificsignificance>.

28. How does your study expand our existing knowledge of aquatic ecosystems? This *
can include a description of unique or integrative approaches to your research
(600 characters maximum including spaces).

29. What is the current status of your manuscript? When do you expect to be *
prepared for submission? (300 characters maximum including spaces).

30. What format article do you anticipate submitting? *

Mark only one oval.

- Letters
- Essay
- Current evidence

- 31. L&O Letters has a very strict data-publishing policy. Submissions which do not comply with this policy will not be accepted for publication. Will you be able to meet this requirement? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Optional questions

Please leave blank if these do not apply to you.

- 32. Please explain your request for extending the eligibility criteria of 6 full years after the completion of your highest degree (600 characters maximum including spaces).

33. Are (were) you living/working in a country herein considered to be a part of the Global South or in Ukraine during the work described in this application? If so, please select that country from the drop-down menu.

Mark only one oval.

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Angola
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo
- Costa Rica

- Côte d'Ivoire
- Cuba
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong SAR
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Kiribati

- Kuwait
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea
- Rwanda

- Samoa
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- State of Palestine
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Taiwan Province of China
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Uruguay
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
- Viet Nam
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

34. SECONDARY APPLICANT: Is (was) your secondary applicant living/working in a country herein considered to be a part of the Global South or in Ukraine during the work described in this application? If so, please select that country from the drop-down menu.

Mark only one oval.

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Angola
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Comoros
- Congo

- Costa Rica
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Cuba
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Djibouti
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- El Salvador
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Hong Kong SAR
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kenya

- Kiribati
- Kuwait
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Libya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea

- Rwanda
- Samoa
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- State of Palestine
- Sudan
- Suriname
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Taiwan Province of China
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Uruguay
- Vanuatu
- Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
- Viet Nam
- Yemen
- Zambia

Zimbabwe

35. Please describe your experiences (if any) as someone belonging to an underrepresented group in STEM, broadly defined. In other words, are there ways that you feel you do not 'belong' in science because you do not fit the typical mould of a scientist? (600 characters maximum including spaces)

Financial need statement

The Limnology & Oceanography Letters Early Career Publication Honor aims to provide the financial means for under-funded early career researchers to publish Open Access (OA) papers of high scientific merit in the journal. Therefore, financial need must be demonstrated in the application form.

The selection committee, thus, asks that applicants disclose:

- (a) whether they currently have access to the necessary funds to cover the article processing charges (APC) for the proposed manuscript;
- (b) whether they are waiting for results of pending applications (and if so, how many applications) for funding to cover APC for the proposed manuscript; and
- (c) whether their institution(s) has(have) an agreement with any scientific publisher that would cover the APC for an Open Access publication.

36. Do you or your secondary applicant currently have access to the funds needed to pay for Open Access article processing charges for the manuscript described in your application? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

37. Do you or your secondary applicant have pending applications for funding that may cover open access fees for the manuscript described in your application? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

38. How many pending applications for funding that may cover open access fees for the manuscript described in your application do you and/or your secondary applicant have? *

Mark only one oval.

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Other: _____

39. Does your institution (and that of your secondary applicant) have an agreement with any scientific publisher that would cover the APC for an Open Access publication in a high impact factor journal publishing similar content to that of the topic of your manuscript? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Other: _____

40. If you have answered yes to one or more of the questions above about financial need, please explain here why you should still be considered for the Publication Honor. *

41. Do you anticipate requiring English language help with your manuscript? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes (I'll need a full translation from my native language into English)
- Yes (I'll need editing for my own draft in English)
- No

42. If you need a translation of your manuscript, please specify which language it'll be written in. If you don't need a translation, write NA. *

Applicant feedback

- 43. Here you can provide any feedback you wish about the application form, dissemination call, or the Publication Honor program itself. *

Our intention is to improve the process for everyone, and to modify the call and application form where necessary to remove barriers that would otherwise stop early career scientists from applying for the Publication Honor.

If you have no comments, please write NA.

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