How to Prepare for your Sir Howard Dalton Young Microbiologist of the Year 2020 Video Submission

We are inviting early career members to submit short videos that demonstrate their ability to creatively communicate their research succinctly to the Sir Howard Dalton Young Microbiologist of the Year Competition.

The competition judges will consider the science, delivery and creativity of the content when reviewing your video entry, so to help you create it, here is some guidance.

Science

• You must demonstrate a strong understanding of the scientific subject being discussed.
• You may wish to cover new data that were not available at the time of original abstract submission.

Delivery

• This is essential to demonstrate effective science communication, so good preparation will ensure that an appropriate amount of time has been allocated to each aspect of your presentation.
• Your speech should be clear and there should be a story: a logical flow of discussion points throughout your video.
• You should demonstrate a unique passion and enthusiasm towards your chosen topic.
• The judging panel should be able to retain an interest in your video and remain engaged throughout.

Creativity

• The judges are looking for inventive and original methods of presentation style. They should be left feeling inspired about innovative ways in which science can be communicated.
• You may wish to include a series of slides with key points and/or diagrams and use this to form the base of a free-flowing explanation of your chosen scientific topic.
• You may wish to incorporate props or additional materials to enhance your scientific explanations.

Further information about the competition can be found on our website here. For any questions about the competition, please contact profdev@microbiologysociety.org.