



Society for  
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## **EARLY CAREER REP VACANCY – TERM JANUARY 2018 – JANUARY 2020**

The SRF values the views and opinions of its Early Career members, and therefore includes two Early Career Rep (formerly known as Postgrad/Postdoc Rep) positions on the SRF Council. This is a great opportunity to see the workings of the Society and get involved in decision making which shapes the future of the SRF.

We are seeking an SRF Early Career Member to take over from Kacie Thomson (Imperial College London) who ends her term in January 2018. The term for the new Rep will run from January 2018 – January 2020 and for the first year you will be working alongside Dr Michelle Johnson (University of Leeds) who took on the role in July 2017.

### **What does the role entail?**

As an Early Career Rep, you will attend SRF Council meetings where you represent the views and concerns of postgraduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and other early career scientists.

During the two years, you will also sit on two of the SRF Committees; the Education and Engagement Committee for the first 12 months, and the Programme Committee for the remainder of the term. Early Career Reps also help to organise Early Career events at the annual Fertility meetings such as the SRF Early Career Researcher Symposium.

During your term you will maintain non-statutory status allowing you to still benefit from SRF grants, bursaries and awards.

### **Attendance at meetings**

You are expected to attend Council meetings which are held every year in

- January (*immediately before, after or during the Fertility conference*)
- April
- July (*by teleconference*)
- October

You will be reimbursed for travel costs incurred by attending these meetings.

Council meetings are held at a hotel in an accessible UK location and last for one working day. The Education and Engagement and Meetings Committees meet at the hotel on the afternoon prior to the Council meeting (April and October) but in the same location. Overnight accommodation is provided. Therefore, you can expect to be away on Early Career Rep business for up to 2 working days (including travel time) at least three times a year.

## How to apply

If you are interested in the position vacant from January 2018, please send a brief statement in MS WORD FORMAT (max 250 words) to include:

- Full name and institution
- What you would bring to the role including any goals for your term as an Early Career Representative
- Brief details about yourself including your research and interest in reproductive biology

## Timeline

**Midnight, Friday 1 December 2017:** Deadline for statements:

The statement should be sent by email to [srf@conferencecollective.co.uk](mailto:srf@conferencecollective.co.uk).

**4 December 2017:** in the case that only one application\*\* is received, the successful candidate will be notified

*\*\*If more than one application is received, all Early Career Members will be sent a unique link to vote online to elect the next Early Career Rep. Voters will be provided with candidate statements for reference.*

**11 December 2017:** voting closes

**12 December 2017:** winner notified

**4 January 2018:** winner formally announced following the conclusion of the SRF Student Prize Session at Fertility 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kacie ([kacie.thomson12@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:kacie.thomson12@imperial.ac.uk)) or Michelle ([medmjoh@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:medmjoh@leeds.ac.uk)) if you would like more information regarding the position.

We look forward to receiving applications.