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The Paul Dockerill Award



Introduction to the award

The Paul Dockerill Award is designed for individuals who are passionate about making a positive impact on **fire and building safety, resident engagement, innovation and skills enhancement.**

What are we looking for?

The award is open to all UK residents regardless of their background or construction experience and CIOB Membership is not required to enter. Housing residents and resident voice groups are also encouraged to apply.

Your application should meet one or more of the key focus areas listed below:

- 1. Innovation:** Groundbreaking ideas that can revolutionise construction, particularly in the context of fire safety and resident engagement.
- 2. Skills Building:** The development of skills, people looking to enter the industry that can elevate the construction and built environment industry.
- 3. Fire Safety:** Projects that focus on improving fire safety measures in residential settings.
- 4. Resident Engagement:** Fostering strong connections between residents and their surroundings and enabling resident participation.

Projects eligible for the award could include, but are not limited to:

- Renewable energy systems for residents.
- Safety app to allow residents to communicate about fire risks and building updates.
- Educational materials for building safety.
- A toolkit for landlord-resident collaboration.
- Virtual reality for building safety training.
- A real-time safety dashboard for housing.
- A housing innovation challenge.
- Professional development in building safety.
- Resident voice group.

Who can apply?

The award is open to all UK residents (applicants must be 18 and over) regardless of their background or construction experience and CIOB Membership is not required to enter. Housing residents and resident voice groups are also encouraged to apply.

Application is open from **1 February and must be submitted by 30 June 2025**. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed in July (date TBC). After the interview, the decision will be made about the successful applicant/s, to which funding will be available for up to 18 months.

Applications must be submitted by an individual and not from companies, or educational organisations, the award is made to the individual.

How much funding can you apply for?

The maximum fund value is **£10,000** in total. We may choose to share the funding between multiple applications. The total sum applied for must be fully justified in the application form in **section 5 of Proposed Expenditure**. Candidates will need to detail and cost all the spending in their application.

Once a successful applicant is chosen, funding will be released in instalments.

How to apply?

If you're interested in applying, an application form can be downloaded on our website, where you can share your idea. For any assistance or queries, contact Antonia Lanyiova at pauldockerillaward@ciob.org.uk.

Important information

- Application forms will not be accepted outside of the period (1 February and 30 June 2025) and will not be read and responded to if submitted outside this period.
- Applications are to be submitted via this email pauldockerillaward@ciob.org.uk
- The subject heading on the email needs to clearly state - Application form for The Paul Dockerill Award.
- Incomplete application forms will not be considered. All relevant sections of the application form must be completed.

On submission of the application form, you will receive an email to state that your form has been received and you will **only hear back from us if you are successful and shortlisted. If you have not heard from us by the end of July, please assume your application was not successful.**

If you are shortlisted, you will move to the interview stage where the successful applicant will be determined.

An email will be sent to shortlisted candidate/s to the email provided on the application form, to inform them of the outcome and interview stage.

Timeline and process explained

The timeline

1 February 2025 – Applications open

30 June – Applications close

July (date TBC) – Shortlisted candidate/s interview stage

July – Winner/s announced

The assessment process

Step 1: Application submission

- Applicants submit their proposals, providing detailed information about their proposed activity, research evidence and the potential impact.

Step 2: Initial shortlisting round

- A preliminary review is conducted to assess the completeness of applications and its alignment with the award's objectives.
- Incomplete or off-topic applications are excluded from further consideration.

Step 3: Panel review

- A panel is formed, comprising of the following:
 - CIOB Qualifications Liaison Manager.
 - Chairperson.
 - Up to three industry experts with knowledge of the relevant topics.
- Panellists thoroughly evaluate shortlisted applications based on the following criteria:
 - The quality of your application.
 - The aims and merit of the project and activity.
 - The relevance of the project and activity to proposed focus areas and to built environment.

- Presence of well-researched evidence supporting the application.
- Suitability of the applicant for the proposed activity.
- Demonstration that the award will make a positive difference to the applicant and contribute to a broader community impact.
- Likelihood that the proposed outcomes are achievable.

Step 4: Interview

- Shortlisted candidates participate in an interview with the panel.
- The interview allows for a more in-depth discussion of the applicant's proposal, providing an opportunity for clarification and additional insights.

Step 5: Final decision

- Following the panel review and interviews, the final decision on award recipient/s is made.
- The decision is based on a holistic assessment of the application, interview performance, and alignment with the award's focus areas.

Step 6: Announcement of award winner/s

- Successful award winner/s are announced, and formal communication is sent to successful applicants.
- Unsuccessful shortlisted candidates will be informed and given advice on how to reapply.

Step 7: Feedback and continuous improvement

- Identify areas for improvement and implement changes to enhance the transparency and effectiveness of future scholarship assessments.

This assessment process ensures a rigorous and fair evaluation of applicants, considering their proposals' impact, evidence, suitability and feasibility. The inclusion of an interview stage adds depth to the assessment, allowing for a more comprehensive evaluation of candidates' proposals or projects and commitment to the proposed activity.

What will the fund not cover?

The funding **cannot** be used to cover:

- Research or postdoctoral studies.
- Non-project-related travel.
- Salaries and wages.
- Purchase of digital and electrical equipment.
- No overheads components covered.

Terms and Conditions

If you are a successful candidate, as a requirement of the funding being awarded to you, CIOB will require you to provide your input in some of the following activities as appropriate.

- Carry out the proposed activity the award was provided for.
- Produce a blog (written or verbal) describing what was achieved and to what extent the award was beneficial. This will be used on our communications platforms such as the website, LinkedIn group, and other social media platforms.
- Become a mentor.
- Create a project-specific webinar for the wider CIOB membership body.
- From time to time, we may require you to support and co-deliver events.
- If you are a student member, you will be expected to become a champion of CIOB and represent the student body on your course at your campus (in person or virtually).
- If you are a student member, we may also request your input in creating student-facing promotional material to assist with the growth of the programme and support more students in the future.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence and your details will not be passed to third parties.

At CIOB we strive to support applicants with different needs. We acknowledge the importance of creating an accessible and supportive application process for all candidates and are continuously working towards expanding our capacity to accommodate all applicants as far as possible. If you would like to request a reasonable adjustment in the submission and assessment of your application due to disability or neurodiversity condition, please contact us at pauldockerillaward@ciob.org.uk for your request to be considered.

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