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Rewarding excellence in research

The winners of the College's inaugural annual Research Excellence Awards were announced as Reporter went to press. The awards, designed to reward some of the College's most outstanding research teams, are in the region of £150k, which it is hoped will enable innovative research that may not otherwise have been possible. The full story on the science behind the awards will appear in a future edition.

Above left to right: Saif Haque, Thomas Anthopoulos, Ray Murray, Donal Bradley, Ruidong Xia, Mariano Campoy Quiles, Paul Stavrinou and Lichun Chen of the Molecular Electronic Materials and Devices team

Background

The Research Excellence Award scheme is designed to reward research teams that have demonstrated high academic achievement and have significant future potential. Each award will be up to £150K and, unlike a research project grant, is intended for "blue-skies" research. Up to four awards will be made annually.

Selection Process

The Research Excellence Award scheme was launched this year. Research teams were invited at the start of May to submit their application through their faculties by the end of June. The faculties conducted an initial selection and 11 applications were considered by an internal panel consisting of the Faculty Deans under chairmanship of the Pro Rector (Research). The internal panel announced a shortlist of six applications in the third week of July. The final selection was carried out by an external panel with the following membership:

- Professor John Bell (President of Academy of Medical Sciences)
- Lord Broers FRS FREng (President of The Royal Academy of Engineering)
- Professor Sir John Enderby CBE FRS (President of Institute of Physics)
- Professor Sir Aaron Klug OM FRS (former President of the Royal Society, Nobel Laureate Chemistry)

Research Excellence Award Winners 2006

On behalf of the final selection panel, the Deputy Rector is pleased to announce that this year's Research Excellence Awards will be presented to the teams listed below. A formal presentation of the Research Excellence Awards will take place during the Postgraduate Awards Ceremony on 9 May 2007.

Molecular Electronic Materials and Devices

Team leader: **Professor Donal Bradley, FRS, Physics**. Team members: Dr Jenny Nelson, Physics; Dr Ray Murray, Physics; Dr Thomas Anthopoulos, Physics; Dr Paul Stavrinou, Physics; Dr Mariano Campoy-Quiles, Physics; Dr Lichun Chen, Physics; Dr Xuhua Wang, Physics; Dr Ruidong Xia, Physics; Professor James Durrant, Chemistry; **Professor Andrew de Mello, Chemistry; Dr John de Mello**, **Chemistry**; Dr Saif Haque, Chemistry.

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