

ECR Award Testimonials

"I received my ECR Award in Autumn 2022. It was a great experience to present my work to date as well as future directions to my fellow colleagues, as it stimulated a lot of discussion and allowed identification of collaborative opportunities. It was also a form of validation that helped establish my status as an independent group leader within the community." **Joan Chang** (Manchester)

"I have been awarded the early career researcher award from the BSMB in 2021. As part of the award I had the opportunity to present my work during one of the meetings and to publish a review. Both helped in increasing the visibility of my research. This in turn help fostering new collaborations and strengthening some pre-existing ones. It is a nice "marker of esteem" to have on my CV." **Giovanna Nalesso** (Surrey)

"Receiving my award and giving the John Scott lecture was a huge privilege and a great opportunity to present the work from my independent lab to the BSMB and ECM community and receive feedback. Having first attended a BSMB meeting during my PhD many years ago the award was particularly pleasing as a demonstration of interest in mine and my colleagues work over the years." **Douglas Dyer** (Manchester)

"The Young Investigator Award came at a crucial stage of my career. Receiving the appreciation of my fellows, extracellular matrix experts renowned in the UK and abroad, was an immense honour, a great confidence boost, and a turning point in my pathway to research independence". **Salvatore Santamaria** (Surrey)

"I received the Young Investigator Award in September 2017. I really enjoyed presenting my work at the BSMB Autumn meeting, as it was the first time I was able to discuss my future work since starting my independent career. Obtaining this award was definitely a stepping stone into establishing my national and international profile and developing my connections with the ECM research community." **Elena Rainiero** (Sheffield)