## Exceptional PhD research

In 2016, the Priestley International Centre for Climate established two annual prizes in the name of Piers Sellers, to recognise exceptional research that furthers our understanding of climate change and how to address it. The most recent prizes were presented at an awards ceremony on 24 June 2019 and you can find out more about previous winners [here](https://climate.leeds.ac.uk/opportunities/piers-sellers-prize/).

The Piers Sellers prize for exceptional PhD research will be open to any **current PhD student from the University of Leeds1**. It is designed to reward and encourage PhD students from the University of Leeds for undertaking excellent research to better understand and/or address climate change. The award of **£1500 will enable gifted PhD students to continue and develop their climate-related research career, by attending an international conference** of their choice.

Nominations of PhD students can be made by University of Leeds staff, and PhD students are encouraged to ask their supervisors or group leaders to nominate them. **Please note that self-nominations by PhD students will not be accepted**.

Nominations will be assessed by a judging panel made up of the Priestley Centre Management Committee on the basis of one or more high quality publications (not limited to peer-reviewed journal publications, and including those accepted but yet to be published), research outputs, research translation / communication and / or impacts resulting from the nominee’s PhD research.

The winner of this prize will be expected to attend the prize-giving event in spring 2020 and deliver a short talk about the research for which the prize has been awarded.

**Deadline for nominations is 12:00 on Monday 27 January 2020**. Please use the form below.

1 Current PhD students can include those who have passed their viva but are yet to attend their graduation ceremony.

### For more information:

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Please complete the following nomination form and submit it to [climate@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:climate@leeds.ac.uk) by no later than 12:00 on Monday 27 January 2020. Nomination forms should not exceed two pages (minimum font size 11).

*N.B.* The assessment panel will only use information provided in this form to decide the winner of the prize. Therefore the quality of the descriptions provided by the nominator have a significant bearing on the outcome of the assessment panel.

Nominator Name and Affiliation:

Nominee Name, affiliation and current year of study:

Nominator’s association with the nominee: Please provide information about any associations you have with the nominee (e.g. supervisor, group member etc.)

Provide references and links to publication(s), research output(s) and / or impact(s) for which the nomination is being made:

Please provide references and links here.

Please describe how the nominee meets the assessment criteria:

Please describe the significance of the nominee’s research and resulting publication(s), research output(s), research translation / communication and / or impact(s). Please ensure this description includes the nominee’s contribution to the work described.

Please describe how the nominee’s research has led to a better understanding of climate change and/or how to address it.