

Open Science Peer Support Award

For a trainee who has gone above and beyond to provide peer support, mentorship, and guidance to others in adopting open science practices. The recipient demonstrates a collaborative spirit by actively helping their peers overcome challenges in open science and by fostering an environment of knowledge-sharing.

Eligibility:

- Must be a WIN trainee (graduate student, or postdoc).
- Must be actively involved in open science practices.
- Should have a demonstrated history of helping others adopt open science practices (e.g., mentoring, sharing resources, leading workshops).

Evaluation and Criteria

1. Active Mentorship and Guidance (40%)

Has actively mentored peers or junior researchers on open science practices and/or has served as a resource for troubleshooting tools and offering guidance on best practices. This can be through things such as Method Lunches, one-to-one peer support, lab meetings, or journal club meetings.

2. Tangible Impact (35%)

Provides evidence of how their support has led to tangible changes, such as more accessible data, reproducible studies, or increased adoption of open science tools/protocols.

3. Commitment to Inclusivity (25%)

Demonstrates an **awareness of and commitment to inclusivity** in open science, ensuring that resources and knowledge are accessible to everyone, including trainees and faculty.

Nomination and Selection Process

- **Self-nomination or peer nomination:** Candidates may apply or be nominated by a colleague, mentor, or collaborator. Nominations will be weighted the same whether they are self or peer nominated. The evaluation will be based on the criteria listed above.

- **Application components:**
 - A statement (250-500 words) describing the nominee's role in supporting peers and fostering a collaborative open science culture.
 - Supporting materials (e.g., links to workshops, peer testimonials, examples of mentoring activities).
 - (Optional) Letters of support from mentees or collaborators who have benefited from the nominee's support (max 3 letters).
- **Review committee:** The Open Science Advisory Committee will review applications and select the recipient based on the outlined criteria. There must not be a conflict of interest (e.g., trainees' PIs may not be on the selection committee for this award).