Postdoc Appreciation Week (PAW)

To recognise the achievements of postdoctoral researchers and support this cohort by coordinating the postdoc recognition awards and hosting talks during National Postdoc Appreciation Week (NPAW).

College (where initiative took place): College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

School (where initiative took place):
- Edinburgh Medical School
- Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

Stakeholders involved in the planning, organisation and execution of the initiative:
- Researchers
- Staff who support researchers
- Research Staff Society

Webpages: CMVM Early Career Researchers Webpages

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Concordat principles: Environment & Culture

Area the Concordat Initiative Supported:
- Research Culture
- Researcher Visibility

Stakeholders: Researchers

Comments:
During National Postdoc Appreciation Week, the CMVM Research Staff Committee and the CMVM Postdoc Societies coordinated the CMVM Postdoc recognition awards.

Staff and students could nominate postdocs for their outstanding contribution to a) Citizenship (contribution to the wider community, including public engagement) and b) Research Student Supervision/Support. We allocated prizes for each theme across the four CMVM campuses.

We received over 100 nominations in 2022 and emailed each postdoc to notify them of their nomination. Winners were announced via Twitter and other social media outlets.

During NPAW we arranged online talks including 'the Road to Independence' and 'Careers Beyond Academia' and we promoted national events such as 'the PostDoc Toolbox'.

We have designed a CMVM branded #LovePostDocs water bottle for future events/prizes.

Outputs/Impact:
The postdoc recognition award winners were well-publicised by CMVM Institutes and Centres who retweeted the news and celebrated their postdoc communities.