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Section 1 - Nominee details and eligibility

Nomination type

Please indicate who you are nominating for the award below:

- ☒ I am nominating myself (self-nomination)

Nominee details

Please provide your details below.

Institution / Organisation

No Response

Department

No Response

Current position / role

No Response

ORCID ID

If you do not have an ORCID ID, you can register for one on the ORCID website.

No Response

Award guidelines and eligibility

By checking this box, you confirm that:

- You have read the award guidelines and checked that you are eligible.
- You and your supporter are members of the Academy and have public profiles accessible through the member directory.
- If shortlisted, you will be required to attend an interview on the date(s) specified in Section 3 of the award guidelines.

- If successful, you understand that you will be invited to attend and speak at the formal announcement of
- the award at the Foundation's Annual Symposium and to engage with other Academy activities in the future.

- You have read the Vivensa Foundation's resubmission policy and understand that, if you were previously
- unsuccessful, you may re-submit **once** to the same award. However, you **must** entirely revise the previously submitted nomination before resubmitting. Duplicate submissions, sections of the form and/or letters will **not** be eligible.

Checked

Section 2 - Research excellence and influence on ageing-related policy and/or practice

Award type

Please indicate which award this nomination relates to:

- ☒ Rising Star award

If you are nominating yourself, please note that for the remaining questions in this section, when the form mentions "the nominee" it is referring to you.

Please explain how the nominee fits the definition of a Rising Star in ageing-related research

Max 300 words.

No Response

Please describe and evidence how the nominee has:

- **demonstrated excellence in ageing-related research and; contributed substantially to the understanding of the mechanisms of ageing or ageing-related disease, and/or influenced ageing-related policy / practice at a local, regional, national or**
- **international level**

This could include, but is not limited to, education, the training of ageing-related researchers or clinicians, improving fundamental understanding of the mechanisms of ageing and/or improvement in the care and treatment of older people.

Consistent with the Foundation's ethos, no hierarchy is applied based on the geographic or systemic scale of the outcome(s) / impact(s) of the work. This is your opportunity to explain the context and significance of the work and make the best case for why it matters.

You can include web links to help support / evidence your answer, specifically when referring to awards, prizes or work. However, please ensure that all web links provided are functional and accessible.

Max 1000 words.

No Response

Section 3 - Commitment to our research values

Research values: nominee letter

Using the information below about our research values for guidance, please upload a supporting statement in the following format:

- A letter addressed to the Foundation's Grants Team, the main body of which should be no more than 1250 words. You may include hyperlinks to examples of your work if you wish. However, please ensure that all hyperlinks provided are functional and accessible.

- Please note that any use of AI tools to prepare this letter must be disclosed in the AI disclosure section of the form below.

- The letter must be submitted as either a Word document or PDF.

Please ensure that this letter complements, rather than repeats, information already provided elsewhere in the nomination form.

No Response

Guidance on our key values

Your statement should describe your commitment to our key values for ageing-related research. The points below outline our key values to help guide you:

- **Capacity building, mentoring, shared learning and research culture**

You should describe and evidence your commitment / contribution to capacity building and/or mentoring in ageing-related research, and how you have meaningfully contributed to building a positive research culture.

Please try to provide specific examples of your contribution and explain what difference this has made (e.g. to your research or that of other researchers, the field and/or more widely).

- **Patient, carer and/or Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)**

For this aspect, you may wish to refer to the UK Standards for Public Involvement, a framework for what good public involvement in research looks like.

Please try to provide specific examples of how you have meaningfully promoted PPIE in ageing-related research, explaining the difference this has made (e.g. to your research or that of other researchers, the field and/or more widely).

- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**

The principles of EDI can include issues related to the characteristics that the Equality Act 2010 protects, as well other characteristics such as socio-economic status, geographical location etc.

Please try to provide specific examples of how you have meaningfully promoted EDI in ageing-related research, explaining the difference this has made (e.g. to your research or that of other researchers, the field and/or more widely).

- **Environmental impact of research**

You should describe and evidence your understanding of the environmental impact of your work and ways in which this could be reduced.

Please try to provide specific examples of your contribution and explain the difference this has made (e.g. to your research or that of other researchers, the field and/or more widely).

- **Collaboration**

You should describe and evidence how you have worked in multidisciplinary and/or multi-professional teams from academia, health and care settings and/or the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector to address the needs of older adults.

Please try to provide specific examples of your contribution and explain what difference this has made (e.g. to your research or that of other researchers, the field and/or more widely).

We recognise that some of the criteria above may be more challenging for some depending on the research area. What matters most is how nominations acknowledge and address any challenges, and how progress has been made by leveraging available resources and opportunities.

Supporter letter

Please upload a statement from a **supporter** for your nomination, in the following format:

- A letter addressed to the Foundation's Grants Team, the main body of which should be no more than 500 words. Your supporter may include hyperlinks to examples of your work if they wish. However, the supporter must ensure that all hyperlinks provided are functional and accessible.
- Please note that any use of AI tools by the supporter to prepare this letter must be disclosed in the AI disclosure section of the form.
- The letter must be submitted as either a Word document or PDF.

Your supporter's statement should briefly explain any connection they have with you (e.g. any current or prior work you have done together etc.) and why they are supporting you.

Your supporter must ensure that this letter complements, rather than repeats, information already provided elsewhere in the nomination form.

No Response

Section 4 - Plan for the award

Three-year plan

Please upload an indicative three-year plan outlining how you would use the £120,000 Excellence Award if successful, using the guidance below:

- The plan should explain how the award would advance the ageing-related field, improve the lives of older adults in the UK, deliver benefits beyond your immediate research group and/or organisation, and demonstrate a genuine commitment to the Vivensa Foundation's key values (highlighted in the previous section of the form).
- The planned activities must directly support and/or benefit people in the UK and/or UK-based organisations. We also seek to focus our resources where they can add the greatest value, prioritising areas that are comparatively underfunded and not already supported by dedicated national or international charities. Consequently, we will not fund work with a specific focus on cancer.
- The main body of the document should be no more than 500 words. You may include hyperlinks where relevant. However, please ensure that all hyperlinks provided are functional and accessible.
- You may also include a Gantt chart if helpful, and this will not count towards the word limit, but it should be included within the same document.
- Please note that any use of AI tools to prepare this plan must be disclosed in the AI disclosure section of the form below.
- This plan should be submitted as a single Word document or PDF.

No Response

Section 5 - AI disclosure

Have any generative and/or agentic artificial intelligence (AI) tools been used during the application process?

This applies to any use of AI tools in preparing the nomination, including relevant letters and plans, whether by the **nominee, nominator or any other contributor, such as a supporter**. This information is used for monitoring purposes and will **not** be used in the assessment process.

☒ Yes

Please provide further details below

In accordance with our Policy on use of generative and agentic AI in the grant application process, any use of generative and/or agentic AI tools to prepare a nomination must be disclosed in the nomination form.

This applies to any use of AI tools in preparing the nomination, including relevant letters and plans, whether by the **nominee, nominator or any other contributor, such as a supporter**. The disclosure should state which tool(s) were used, for what purpose, and, where possible, the specific model(s) and software used. It should also explain how the content was generated, including the prompts used.

We acknowledge that AI tools offer significant potential to enhance productivity and innovation. However, these should be used responsibly and in accordance with relevant legal and ethical standards, including data privacy, where these exist or as they develop. **Therefore, you should never input sensitive or personal data of others (i.e. third parties) into AI tools without consent.** The nominee and, where relevant, the nominator are responsible for ensuring that all information submitted as part of the nomination is accurate, respects intellectual property rights, and considers potential bias.

Max 300 words.

No Response

Section 6 - Institutional support (for information only)

Institutional letter of support (for information only)

Please note that, if successful, as a condition of award the nominee's Head of Department, or equivalent authority, will be required to provide written confirmation that:

- The nominee's institution / department will administer the award.
- **For Rising Star award-holders who do not hold a permanent or tenured position:** the nominee's contract will extend for at least the first 12 months of the award in the first instance.

Please note that no documentation is required at this stage.

Section 7 - Applicant declaration

I confirm that the information I have provided in this nomination form is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Unchecked

I agree that the personal data relating to me shown on this form, or otherwise made available to the Vivensa Foundation for the purposes of administering awards, may be collected, stored and processed by the Foundation for the purposes of assessing, administering and monitoring awards. I understand that this information may be shared with individuals and/or organisations involved in the assessment or monitoring of awards, and with the Foundation's auditors.

Unchecked