

RSE's highest accolades go to St Andrews academics

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ST ANDREWS academics have scooped half of this year's prestigious Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) prizes.

Professor Andrew Whiten, Dr Katie Stevenson, Dr Per Ola Kristensson and Dr Catherine Cazin, who all work at St Andrews University, received accolades in the awards run by the leading educational charity.

Psychology and evolutionary and developmental psychology professor Whiten was awarded the Senior Public Engagement Prize for his extensive and innovative forms of public engagement,

particularly as founding director of the Living Links to Human Evolution research centre at Edinburgh Zoo.

Dr Stevenson, a senior lecturer in late medieval history, was awarded the Thomas Reid Early Career Prize for her scholarly work on the cultural and political history of late medieval Scotland, which has established her as a leading international expert in the field, and for her commitment to knowledge exchange.

Dr Kristensson and Dr Cazin, who are both members of the RSE Young Academy of Scotland, were both awarded the RSE/

Makdougall Brisbane Medal.

Dr Kristensson, a lecturer in human computer interaction in computer science, was recognised for his research work and entrepreneurialism, while chemistry lecturer Dr Cazin gained her prize for her research work in the breadth and depth of experience in her chosen field of homogeneous catalysis.

RSE president Sir John Arbutnot said: "These are our highest accolades.

"My warmest congratulations to all of this year's recipients."

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Above, from left: Dr Per Ola Kristensson, Dr Catherine Cazin, Professor Andrew Whiten and Dr Katie Stevenson. Far left: Professor Whiten with the My Primate Family Tree mural at Edinburgh Zoo. Left: how The Courier reported on Dr Kristensson being named one of the 35 top young innovators last year.