

# EPPENDORF AWARD FOR YOUNG EUROPEAN INVESTIGATORS

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Kerri Smith and 2008 winner Simon Boulton

## EPPENDORF AND NATURE

Simon Boulton is the fourteenth recipient of the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators, which recognizes talented young individuals working in the field of biomedical research in Europe. The Eppendorf Award is presented in partnership with *Nature*. The winner is selected by an independent jury of scientists under the chairmanship of Kai Simons (Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics, Dresden, Germany). *Nature* and Eppendorf do not influence the selection. For more information see [eppendorf.com/award](http://eppendorf.com/award).

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Now in its fifteenth year, the Eppendorf Award for Young European Investigators is well established as giving prestigious recognition to a young scientist's early career. It also provides the opportunity for young European researchers to showcase their work by communicating to the *Nature* audience. *Nature* is pleased, in partnership with Eppendorf, to provide visibility to the winner in print and online. Below, podcast editor Kerri Smith talks to the 2008 winner Simon Boulton about his research and the effect that the award has had on his career. To listen to the full interview, visit [nature.com/nature/awards/eppendorf](http://nature.com/nature/awards/eppendorf).

***"Maybe it's a little bold to say this, but I think our work provided a very important new piece in our understanding of how recombination is controlled."***

**Kerri Smith:** How did it feel to find out that you'd won?

**Simon Boulton:** [Illegible audio transcription]

**KS:** I understand it gave Steve's career a real boost?

**SB:** [Illegible audio transcription]

**KS:** Give us a bit of background to your work.

**SB:** [Illegible audio transcription]

# CALLING FOR ENTRIES!

If you are a biological or biomedical researcher under the age of 35 you could be the next Eppendorf Award winner. The winner receives prize money of €15,000 plus other benefits. To find out more, visit [eppendorf.com/award](http://eppendorf.com/award). The deadline for complete applications is 30 June 2009.



Simon Boulton and colleagues at Cancer Research UK

**"...I knew quite a lot about the award from my past supervisor, Steve Jackson, who was the first ever recipient [...] It was, for him, a defining point in his career."**



**KS:** What specific findings won you the prize?

**SB:** *Caenorhabditis elegans*



**KS:** So it was originally discovered in yeast, and then you found an analogue in *C. elegans* and mice — what about a human version?



**KS:** What do you think it was about your work that the jury liked so much?



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