



The Brickell Award – criteria and guidance

The Brickell Award was established to celebrate the Organisation's Jubilee year in 2003, in recognition of 'excellence in cultivated plant conservation' undertaken by fully accredited National Plant Collection holders.

It is named for Chris Brickell, a founder of the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG) - Plant Heritage, and who remains a Vice President of the Charity.

This prestigious Award recognises the extensive and vital work achieved by many Collection Holders and is awarded to those considered to have demonstrated excellence in this field.

Criteria and Guidance

The decision of the Awarding Committee is based on a number of criteria. A candidate's Collection should be:

- of scientific status or demonstrated to be of an equivalent standard, in terms of completeness within scope.
- achieves high standards of curation, research and record keeping.
- is well established as appropriate to the genus, scope and category of the collection.

Key criteria considered by the Brickell Award judges are:

- Contribution to the understanding of a plant group, through research undertaken and communicated through published works with emphasis given to books, research papers and definitive articles. This includes research undertaken in collaboration with, or led by others but where the plant collection and contribution by the holder has been a key element
- Conservation work undertaken that has secured plants in cultivation or through the rediscovery of lost cultivars or taxa.
- A significant educational role utilising the collection
- Contributions made to the wider aims and strategy of Plant Heritage
- Contribution to horticulture e.g. collaboration with other organisations, advice given, sharing of plant material.

Procedure to Nominate a candidate

A Collection Holder will be nominated by those that have worked with them, or have knowledge and understanding of their work and research on a National Plant Collection, or can find out from others who have worked with, and know their work.

- Collection holders are not able to self-nominate.
- Nominees must be current holders of a National Collection.
- The recipient will be notified and invited to accept the Award after the judging process is completed.

Please submit a short citation not exceeding two sides of A4, highlighting the nature of the Collection, the key achievements of the nominee, and how they have demonstrated excellence in cultivated plant conservation.

The Award Judges may request further information from the nominator to help in making their final decision.

Please send nominations by email to collections@plantheritage.org.uk or by post to the address below.