Marsh Award for Early Career Entomologist recognises an individual who has made an early career contribution to Entomological Science, with a single or on-going impact to the field. It commends their dedication to the field, hard work and creativity.

**Award Criteria**
For an early career contribution to Entomological Science that is judged to be outstanding or exemplary with single or ongoing impact on the science. The Award is ‘open’ and not restricted to any particular discipline or specialised area of entomological science.

**Prize**
£1,250 and Certificate.

**Eligibility**
Any person whose work, or contribution, meets the Criteria. There are no geographic restrictions.

**Cycle**
Annual; nominations accepted until 31st December in any year, winner announced early in following year.

**Adjudication**
By a panel consisting of, the President, two senior Fellows and the Chairman or representative of the Marsh Christian Trust.

**Entry**
By letter of nomination from a Fellow of the Society, or, a person of standing in the field of entomological science. Additional letters of support welcome. The nomination should give as full a profile of the nominee as is possible with special emphasis on relevance to the Award Criteria. All entries to:

**The Registrar, Royal Entomological Society, The Mansion House, Chiswell Green Lane, St Albans AL2 3NS**

It is a condition of entry that the winner of the Award shall attend the annual Ento (or other nominated) meeting to receive it, at the Society’s expense.

**Further information**
Websites [www.marshchristiantrust.org/Early_Career_Entomologist](http://www.marshchristiantrust.org/Early_Career_Entomologist)
[www.royensoc.co.uk/awards/Marsh_award.htm](http://www.royensoc.co.uk/awards/Marsh_award.htm)

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**2017 WINNER: JOHN SIMAIKA**

With an already deep affinity for the protection of the environment, and a broad interest in the biological sciences, John studied at the University of Victoria, Canada, graduating with a B.Sc. in Biology (Honours) and Anthropology (Major). He continued his studies at Stellenbosch University, South Africa, with his M.Sc. (Entomology) focused on dragonflies as model organisms for developing and testing methods in freshwater conservation. For his MSc, he worked on developing and testing the Dragonfly Biotic Index (DBI) a rapid assessment index for South African streams, work which he continued for his PhD research. The remainder of John's Ph.D. focused on conservation planning. The spatial planning work concerned reserve selection using South African aquatic macroinvertebrates and habitat suitability modeling under projected future climate change scenarios in South Africa, and analysis of the representativeness of the continental African network of protected areas of aquatic biodiversity.