

2014 Macro Group UK Medal

The *Macro Group UK Medal* is awarded annually to a UK based scientist who has made a significant and substantial contribution to the development of polymer science through his/her scientific achievements and/or services to the UK polymer science community.



The 2014 award has been made to Professor Cameron Alexander (School of Pharmacy, The University of Nottingham).

Professor Alexander received his PhD from the University of Durham in 1990 and has been a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry since 2008. His work has focused mainly on the synthesis of polymers for biomedical applications, especially drug, gene and cell delivery. Most recently he has held an EPSRC Leadership Fellowship (2009 - 14) to develop synthetic biopolymer complexes and conjugates, bioresponsive polymers for gene therapy, and smart materials for biomolecular recognition in solution and at surfaces.

He has published extensively in leading journals including *Nature Materials* and *Nature Chemistry*, providing seminal contributions on the use of polymers in a range of biological environments, and for synthetic biology. Cameron has successfully established the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Advanced Therapeutics and Nanomedicine and is the UK PI for 'NanoFar', the first European Erasmus Mundus joint doctorate in Nanomedicine.