



**THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES**  
**CYMDEITHAS DDYSGEDIG CYMRU**

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY — CELEBRATING SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVING THE NATION  
YR ACADEMI GENEDLAETHOL — YN DATHLU YSGOLHEICTOD A GWASANAETHU'R GENEDL

**The Hugh Owen Medal of the Learned Society of Wales**  
**Regulations (Agreed by Council 19 October 2016)**

*The Medal is awarded by the Learned Society of Wales (LSW) and is named in honour of Sir Hugh Owen (1804-1881) the Welsh educator, philanthropist and pioneer of higher education in Wales.*

1. The Hugh Owen Medal of the Learned Society of Wales shall be awarded in recognition of significant contributions to educational research, or the application of research to produce significant innovations in education policy and/or professional educational practice in Wales.

**2. Nomination Process**

- a) Fellows and individuals from universities, industry and the general public may submit nominations, normally no less than 12 weeks before the Annual General Meeting which marks the end of the Society Year during which the Medal shall be awarded
- b) Nominations, which have to come from individuals (not institutions, companies or organisations,) will need to be supported by two seconding proposers
- c) Nomination forms will be available from the LSW website
- d) Electronic forms should be submitted with electronic signatures where possible
- e) If electronic signatures are not available then a signed hard copy must be submitted
- f) Sufficient information must be provided for reasoned judgements to be made
- g) It is the nominator's responsibility to provide adequate information on the form
- h) Incomplete forms will not be considered
- i) Unsuccessful nominations will be retained for further consideration by the Committee for a period of 3 years (including the year in which they are submitted), following which they shall cease to be valid for consideration. Lapsed candidates will be eligible for resubmission after a further 2 years (i.e. 5 years after the initial nomination)
- j) **The nomination must be kept confidential between the Candidate, the Proposers and the Society**
- k) **Exclusions from making nominations**

The following are excluded from **making nominations**:

- Hugh Owen Medal Committee members
- Institutions, Companies and Organisations

The following are excluded **from being nominated**:

- LSW Council members
- Hugh Owen Medal Committee Members
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3. **The Medal shall be awarded** to the person deemed to be the most worthy by a **Committee** comprising:
- One person appointed by Council who shall Chair the Committee;
  - Two further Fellows appointed by the Council of the Learned Society of Wales from among the Fellows of the Society;
  - the Committee may co-opt or consult further Fellows of the Society as required.

Appointed and co-opted members shall serve for a term of three years, or such shorter period as the appointing body may decide. They shall be eligible to serve for not more than two consecutive terms, following which a further period of three years shall elapse before any such member shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Committee may conduct its business through meetings or by correspondence.

4. The Committee shall reach its decision on the award of the Medal no less than eight weeks before the Annual General Meeting which marks the end of the Society Year in question.
5. The recipient will be awarded a specially struck commemorative medal and is expected to receive the Award in person at a ceremony. The Medal shall be normally presented by the President of the Society during a ceremony on the same day as the Society's AGM (in mid-May), arranged by the Society.
6. Each **medal** will be accompanied by a **monetary prize** and a LSW **certificate** which will also include the sponsor's logo.
7. Recipients are required to provide a relevant public lecture within 6 months of the Award. The Society will bear the costs associated with this lecture such as advertising, provision of rooms and audiovisual aids.