



LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES MEDALS NOMINATION GUIDELINES FOR 2020-21

INTRODUCTION

What Is the Learned Society of Wales?

We are the national scholarly academy of Wales, founded in 2010. We have a Fellowship of over 560 outstanding individuals, representing expertise across all academic fields and beyond. We use this collective knowledge to promote research, inspire learning, and provide independent policy advice.

The Society is a Royal Charter Charity, registered charity number 1168622. You can find out more about us here:

www.learnedsociety.wales

The Society's Medals

Each year, the Society awards medals to celebrate excellence in several areas of achievement. Anyone is welcome to make a nomination for any of the medal categories (with some exceptions: see rule 9 on p.3).

The deadline for 2020-21 medal nominations is 5.00pm on 30 March 2021. Each medal has a dedicated committee to assess the nominations and decide who should receive the award.

Winners are announced at the Society's AGM on **19 May 2021** and will receive a specially struck medal and a cash prize (£500 for the Frances Hoggan, Hugh Owen and Menelaus Medals; £250 for each of the Dillwyn Medals). We will invite winners to attend the Society's Annual Dinner on the same evening, if rules on gatherings permit this to be held.

Please read these guidelines before you complete the medal nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact our Fellowship Officer, Fiona Gaskell – fgaskell@lsw.wales.ac.uk.

For further information about the Medals, including past winners, visit www.learnedsociety.wales/medals.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for any of our medals, nominees must be resident in Wales, born in Wales, or otherwise particularly connected with Wales. There are no age restrictions, and those who have taken a career break are eligible.

Anyone can make a nomination for medal. Proposers and Seconders do *not* have to be Fellows of, or otherwise connected with, the Learned Society of Wales.



MEDAL CATEGORIES

Dillwyn Medals – For Early Career Researchers

- These medals are named after the Dillwyn family of Swansea and are awarded in three categories:
- Humanities and Creative Arts
- Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine
- Social Sciences, Education and Business

The Dillwyn Medals recognise “individuals who have demonstrated outstanding ability in their work, research and professional practice”.

Nominees will be early career researchers – either academic or non-academic – working in higher education, the public or private sector, or industry. They must have between 2 and 10 years of work experience in research and must be at least 6 years past graduation of their first degree.

Frances Hoggan Medal – for Outstanding Women in STEMM

Frances Hoggan (1843-1927) was a pioneering medical practitioner, researcher and social reformer from Brecon. This medal recognises outstanding contributions to research by women in any area of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or Medicine (STEMM), including the scientific aspects of subjects such as geography and archaeology. Nominees should be actively engaged in research in the public or private sector.

Hugh Owen Medal – for Outstanding Educational Research

This medal is named in honour of Sir Hugh Owen (1804-1881), a significant Welsh educator, philanthropist and pioneer of higher education. It recognises significant contributions to educational research, or the application of research to produce significant innovations in education policy and/or professional education practice in Wales.

Menelaus Medal – for Excellence in Engineering and Technology

William Menelaus (1818-1882) was an engineer, manufacturer and company manager who founded the South Wales Institute of Engineers in 1857. This medal is awarded for excellence in any field of engineering and technology to an academic, industrial researcher or industrial practitioner.



RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. For a nomination to be valid, the Society must receive the following documents by **5.00pm on 30 March 2021**:
 - A completed nomination form – you can download this from www.learnedsociety.wales/medals
 - The nominee's CV (no longer than 2 pages; longer CVs may lead to the nomination being ineligible)
 - *For Frances Hoggan, Menelaus and Hugh Owen Medals*: a list of the nominee's publications (no longer than 2 pages)
 - *For Dillwyn Medals*: Confidential Reference Form completed by one of the Seconders (please ask them to send us the form directly; it is on our website at www.learnedsociety.wales/medals)
2. All documents should be emailed to nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk. Documents received after the closing date, or sent to another address, will not be accepted.
3. We will acknowledge every nomination we receive. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 3 days, please send a follow-up email to nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk. We cannot be held responsible for nominations that do not reach us, or that arrive after the deadline.
4. Each nomination must have a Proposer and two Seconders, with their names and signatures provided on the nomination form.
5. It is the Proposer's responsibility to provide sufficient information on the form for the medal committee to reach a reasoned judgement on the nominee.
6. We will not consider incomplete forms.
7. The Proposer must inform the nominee of their nomination. Otherwise, please do not inform anyone else about the nomination.
8. We will consider nominations for up to three years, and will request updated information from the Proposer each year. This may include asking the Proposer to complete a fresh form if the nomination requirements have changed. (Note that Dillwyn Medal nominees will become ineligible if they accrue more than 10 years' work experience after their nomination is first considered.)
9. The following may **not** be a Proposer or Secunder for a nomination:
 - Members of the Medal Committee that will consider the nomination (there is a separate committee for each medal)
 - Institutions, organisations and companies
10. The following may **not** be nominated for a Medal:
 - Members of the Medal Committee that will consider the nomination
 - Institutions, organisations and companies
 - Members of the Society's Council
11. Please ensure that nominees are aware of the following:



- The President of the Society will announce the Medal winners at the Society's AGM on 19 May 2020. The winners will be invited to attend the Society's Annual Dinner on the same evening, if guidance on gatherings permits this to be held.
 - Medal winners should be prepared to make a contribution to the Society in the year following their award. This may be a lecture, workshop or another activity that engages a non-specialist audience with their work. The Society will bear any expenses associated with this contribution.
12. We will normally award one medal in each category each year. However, if a Medal Committee concludes that no person meets the appropriate standard of excellence, it will not award a medal in that category.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM

For which Medal are you making a nomination?

Please check the appropriate box.

Details of Nominee

Please ensure every section is completed.

Statement of Support

Use this opportunity to state why you think your nominee should receive the medal. Your statement (maximum 500 words) may include the following:

- Evidence of the nominee's distinction – e.g. invitations to present lectures and papers to conferences and professional bodies; major committees or enquiries upon which the candidate serves or has served; honours, medals, prizes which the nominee has received
- The nominee's standing in their discipline – e.g. recent ground-breaking publications, innovative research, academic leadership
- The nominee's contribution to and engagement with wider society – e.g. accessible dissemination of research and scholarship, commercialisation, knowledge exchange, public/community engagement

Because Dillwyn Medal nominees will be at an earlier stage of their career, some of the above may not apply. In this case, please outline the strength of the nominee's academic background and their future career prospects (is she/he a potential rising star?).



Contribution to the Society

We ask all our Medallists to be prepared to make a contribution to the Society following their award. Please ask your nominee what sort of contribution(s) they might make and give details here. Types of contributions could include:

- Public lecture
- Support for Early Career Researchers
- Involvement with our work on Wales Studies
- Workshop in school
- Writing an article

Proposer / Seconders

Every nomination requires a Proposer and two Seconders. Please provide their details, inserting scanned signatures into the form if possible. If a scanned signature is not available, please forward us a confirmation email from that person.

DILLWYN MEDAL NOMINATIONS – CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Note that for Dillwyn Medal nominations, one of the Seconders must also complete the Confidential Reference Form. This is a separate form, available at www.learnedsociety.wales/medals.

Please ask the Secunder to send this form directly to nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk.

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