



CYMDEITHAS DDYSGEDIG CYMRU THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES

Guide for Nominators

This document is intended as an overview of the process with guidance on submitting a strong application. The full Medals and Awards regulations can be found on our [website](#).

The areas and disciplines recognised in the medal and awards categories have been designed to ensure that there is a medal/ award suitable for all potential candidates. Nominators may choose the medal or award they feel best represents the work of their nominee(s). All nominations will be equitably and equally considered against their chosen category. Our website details which are the most relevant so do take a moment to look at all the categories to choose the most relevant one.

In order to complete the nomination form, you may find it useful to request your nominee's CV in advance.

Principles of nomination:

Any individual or organisation can submit a nomination. You can nominate multiple candidates or teams each year. You can only select one medal or award per candidate or team.

Please ensure you have the permission of the candidate or team that you are nominating before submitting the nomination (they will need to confirm this).

All LSW medals and awards are listed on the [website](#) and each medal and award is awarded in alternate years. The medals and awards available in the current year will be clearly marked on the website.

Who can be nominated?

LSW medals and awards are designed to celebrate researchers and practitioners whose work impacts on the advancement of knowledge and/or the power of research and innovation.

- Candidates / teams should have a Welsh connection – ie/ resident in Wales, of Welsh birth or some other particular connection to Wales.
- Teams are defined as any number of individuals (above 3) who work together regularly.
- Candidates or teams do not need to be Fellows of the Learned Society of Wales

Definition of individuals/ teams eligible for the Impact awards:

Winners may be from any field or profession.

Definition of individuals eligible for the Established Career Medals:

Winners will be mid to later career individuals – defined as someone who has normally, at the time of the nomination, more than ten years of experience in research or relevant professional work. (10 years or 10 years full time equivalent)

Definition of individuals eligible for the Early Career Medals:

We recognise that Early Career Researchers may be at very different career stages. We will consider nominations from a wide range of people- our broad definition of an Early Career Researcher is someone who normally, at the time of the closing date for nominations, has less than ten years experience in research or relevant professional work. Nominations from individuals who are outside this time frame but who have taken a career break or break from research *for any reason will also be considered*.

What to submit:

- **A nomination form** which can be found on our [website](#). Please read the guidance below to ensure you provide all the evidence and information that is necessary.
- **A reference** from a referee able to provide an objective assessment of the candidate or team. It is your responsibility to ask a referee to complete the online form by the deadline. This can be found on our [website](#).
 - For *Impact Awards and Established Career Medals*, the referee is required to be independent of the candidate or team's own institution. PhD Supervisors and co-authors are not permitted to provide references.
 - For *Early Career Medals (Dillwyn)*, the referee is required to be someone who is able to objectively comment on the candidates work and who is someone they don't directly work with on a day to day basis.
- **Candidate Consent** - the Nominator is responsible for ensuring the candidate consents to being nominated – this can be confirmed via a short survey (found on our [website](#)) which will include a question about Career Impact that can be completed by the candidate/team to highlight any factors that have affected their career. You may find it useful to share the 'Guide for Nominees' with them to explain the process involved (found on our [website](#)).

What does the nomination form need to include?

In addition to key contact information, you will need to complete a statement of no more than 500 words outlining why you believe the candidate or team is deserving of the medal or award you have selected. Please refer to and give examples to demonstrate how the candidate or team meets or exceeds the specific criteria relevant to each medal or award that is listed below. You can view a copy of the nomination form on our [website](#).

The Medals and Awards Committee will use only the information provided in the nomination form to make their decision – make sure you have captured all the key information. The committee will not be able to follow links to external sites, so please do not use them.

The Committee will be looking for evidence of the candidate or team meeting or exceeding the criteria given in the table below. To enable them to do this, they will be looking for evidence of how they meet the listed criteria – including:

- A broad overview of the candidate's or team's work
- Candidates standing in or contribution to their field
- A demonstration of their reputational excellence
- Demonstration of the notable outputs of the candidate or team's work
- An understanding of the reach and impact of the candidate or team's work
- Any additional areas such as innovation, impact on society, major projects, knowledge transfer and dissemination of their work.

Medal/Award	Medal / Award specific criteria and eligibility
Impact Awards	
Lady Rhondda award for Outstanding Achievement	<p>This award recognises the outstanding achievements of an individual working in any area of research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this award will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A notable and exceptional contribution to research and/or the advancement of knowledge in/for Wales. • An outstanding reputation within and beyond Wales. • A reach and impact on wider society • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only.</p>
Frances Batty Shand award for Impact of Research or Professional Practice	<p>This award recognises a team or individual whose research or professional practice has had a significant and demonstrable impact beyond the scope of their work or discipline.</p> <p><i>Winners of this award will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research or professional practice which has had a significant and demonstrable impact. • Significant and impactful positive changes beyond the scope of their area of work or discipline (intellectual, social, economic and/or cultural) occurring as a result of their research or professional practice. • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals or teams.</p>
Professor Millicent	<p>This award recognises a team or individual who has gone above and beyond in advocating for or embedding Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) within</p>

<p>Mackenzie award for Promotion of EDI in Academic or Professional Life</p>	<p>their research or innovation- demonstrating a sustained and exceptional commitment to advancing EDI beyond expectations</p> <p><i>Winners of this award will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating for or embedding Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in their ways of working in research or innovation. • Demonstrating a sustained and exceptional commitment to advancing EDI within their workplace, community etc beyond expectations- sharing what was achieved by implementing those values. • A reach and impact of their work • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals or teams.</p>
<p>Aneurin Bevan award for Excellence in Collaborative working</p>	<p>This award recognises collaborative working across teams or organisations that has made a significant impact on research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this award will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of collaborative working across the team or organisation that has made a significant impact on research or innovation • Evidence of 'added value' from working in collaboration • Evidence of the creation of a collegial and supportive culture. • Reach and impact of their work • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to teams only. Winners may be a team of any size (3+)</p>
<p>Established Career Medals</p>	
<p>Gwen John medal for Humanities and Arts</p>	<p>This medal celebrates significant contributions to the discipline of Humanities and Arts by established individuals working in research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this medal will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contribution to their discipline/area of work • Reach and impact of their work beyond the scope of their area/discipline • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only.</p>

Lady Megan Lloyd George medal for Social Sciences	<p>This medal celebrates significant contributions to the discipline of Social Sciences by established individuals working in research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this medal will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contribution to their discipline/area of work • Reach and impact of their work beyond the scope of their area/discipline • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only</p>
Alfred Russel Wallace medal for Biosciences and Medicine	<p>This medal celebrates significant contributions to the discipline of Biosciences and Medicine by established individuals working in research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this medal will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contribution to their discipline/area of work • Reach and impact of their work beyond the scope of their area/discipline • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only.</p>
William Menelaus Medal for Engineering, Physical Sciences and Maths	<p>This medal celebrates significant contributions to the discipline of Engineering, Physical Sciences and Maths by established individuals working in research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this medal will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contribution to their discipline/area of work • Reach and impact of their work beyond the scope of their area/discipline • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only.</p>
Early Career Medals	
Dillwyn medal for Humanities and Arts	<p>This medal celebrates significant contributions to the discipline of Humanities and Arts by early career individuals working in research or innovation.</p> <p><i>Winners of this medal will demonstrate significant contributions in one or more of the following ways:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant contribution to their discipline/area of work (relative to their career stage) • Reach and impact of their work beyond the scope of their area/discipline • Notable outputs of their work • Any other notable achievements eg/ innovation, major projects, knowledge transfer, dissemination of their work etc. <p>Open to individuals only.</p>
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What happens after you've submitted a nomination?

- LSW will contact all nominators with the outcome of the Medals and Awards Scrutiny Committee's decisions by email. Winners will be contacted directly by LSW staff to congratulate them, and their nominator will be copied in.
- We will offer short written feedback to unsuccessful candidates of the Dillwyn medals only. This will be shared via the nominator.
- Winners and their nominators will be invited to a ceremony to receive the medal or award.