



## LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES MEDALS NOMINATION GUIDELINES FOR 2023

### INTRODUCTION

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#### What Is the Learned Society of Wales?

We are the national scholarly academy of Wales, founded in 2010. We have a Fellowship of over 580 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](http://www.learnedsociety.wales)

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#### 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 2023 medal nominations is 5.00pm on 30 June 2023.** Each medal has a dedicated committee to assess the nominations and decide who should receive the award.

Winners will be announced in September 2023 and will receive a specially struck medal and a cash prize of £500. The Medals will normally be presented by the President of the Society during a ceremony arranged by the Society in September.

Please read these guidelines before you complete the medal nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Haydeé Martínez-Zavala— [hgmartinezzavala@lsw.wales.ac.uk](mailto:hgmartinezzavala@lsw.wales.ac.uk).

For further information about the Medals, including past winners, visit [www.learnedsociety.wales/medals](http://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

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### 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”.

Nominated individuals will be early career researchers working in higher education, the public or private sector, or in industry. For the purposes of this medal award ‘Early career researcher’, covering both academic and non-academic researchers, will ordinarily be defined as **a researcher within 10 years of the award of their PhD or within ten years of their first professional appointment (full-time equivalent)**.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 June 2023**:
  - A completed nomination form – you can download this from [www.learnedsociety.wales/medals](http://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](http://www.learnedsociety.wales/medals)). The referee should not be affiliated to the same institution as the nominee.
2. All documents should be emailed to [nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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. For a Dillwyn nomination, it must be clearly stated how the nominee meets the eligibility criteria.
6. We will not consider incomplete nominations.
7. The Proposer must inform the nominee of their nomination. Otherwise, please do not inform anyone else about the nomination.
8. If a nomination is unsuccessful it may be re-submitted in a subsequent year. It must be submitted on the form for the appropriate year and meet the eligibility criteria for that year.
9. The following are excluded from making nominations and being nominated:
  - All Learned Society of Wales Medal Committee members
  - Members of the Learned Society of Wales General Purposes Committee
  - Institutions, Organisations and Companies [proposers and nominees must be individuals]
10. Please ensure that nominees are aware of the following:
  - 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 arranged by the Society in September.
  - The recipient will be invited to deliver a relevant public lecture and/or publish a short article normally within 12 months of the Award and the Society will support the recipient to do this.



11. 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

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For which Medal are you making a nomination?

Please check the appropriate box.

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Details of Nominee

Please ensure every section is completed.

For a Dillwyn medal nomination, it must be clear that the nominee satisfies the eligibility criteria:

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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

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## 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](http://www.learnedsociety.wales/medals).

Please ask the Secunder to send this form directly to [nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk](mailto:nominations@lsw.wales.ac.uk).

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