

# THE ACADEMY GOLD MEDALS

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In 2012, the Royal Irish Academy will award the Academy Gold Medal in the Humanities to an individual who has made a distinguished scholarly contribution to the Humanities (Archaeology, Classics, English, History, Irish Language, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Philosophy and other cognate or related areas). Eligibility for candidature is restricted to persons who are ordinarily resident in Ireland and have made an internationally recognised, substantial and distinguished contribution to their subject whilst working in Ireland. Candidates are normally expected to be research active at the time of nomination.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURE

The nomination of a candidate for this award must be made on the Academy Award Nomination Form, with the signatures of the proposer and seconder, at least one of whom is a member of the Academy and/or a member of one of the Academy Committees, and/or the head of an institution designated under the HEA Act of 1971. The closing date for the receipt of nominations is Friday 4 May 2012.

The completed nomination form should contain a short (approx. half page) citation for the candidate, prepared by the proposer and seconder, as indicated in the nomination form. This should be supplemented by:

- A supporting statement of not more than one A4 page, outlining the candidates achievements,
- A brief (no more than 4 pages) up-to-date CV,
- A list (no more than 20) of the candidate's most important publications to date, with an evaluation (no more than 2 pages) by the proposer and seconder of the 5 most significant publications.

The Humanities Awards Committee for the Medal will consist of:

- The Academy PL&A Secretary (chair) and another Officer of the Academy, nominated by the President,
- Up to 3 members nominated by the President, having consulted with the Chairs of the relevant Academy Committees,
- A representative of the Award Sponsors,
- One or more external assessors who will be invited to join the Committee for the final assessment

## ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

The assessment of candidates is made by the Humanities Awards Committee. The task of the local members of the Committee is to:

- Select a shortlist of candidates (this will normally be 2-3, and only exceptionally more than this),
- Select appropriate external assessors (at least one of whom will be from outside Ireland)

The full Committee, including the invited external assessors, will make the final choice for the Award.

*The Academy Gold Medal in the Social Sciences will be awarded in 2013  
and the Academy Gold Medal in the Humanities will be awarded again in 2014.*