

Royal Irish Academy Gold Medals

— LIFE SCIENCES —



2016

RIA Gold Medal in the Life Sciences

In 2016 the Royal Irish Academy will award its Gold Medal in the Life Sciences to an individual who has made a demonstrable and internationally recognised outstanding scholarly contribution to the Life Sciences (Agriculture, Biology, Biochemistry, Hydrobiology, Pharmacology, Nutritional Sciences, Veterinary Sciences and other cognate or related areas).

Eligibility

- Eligibility for candidature is restricted to persons who are usually resident in Ireland.
- Candidates will have made a distinguished, demonstrable and internationally recognised scholarly contribution to the Life Sciences whilst working in Ireland.
- Candidates are normally expected to be research active at the time of nomination.

Nomination procedure

A nomination must be made on the RIA Gold Medal Award Nomination Form. A proposer and a seconder are required, at least one of whom is a Member (or Honorary member) of the Academy and/or a member of one of the Academy Multi-disciplinary Committees, and/or the head of an institution designated under the HEA Act (1971).

Nomination forms are available from www.ria.ie

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is Wednesday, 25 May 2016, at 5 p.m.

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

- a supporting statement of not more than one A4 page, outlining the candidate's scholarly achievements and contributions;
- a brief (no more than four pages), up-to-date CV; and
- a list (of no more than twenty) of the candidate's most important publications to date, including evidence of current research, with an evaluation (no more than two pages) by the proposer and seconder of the five most groundbreaking publications.

Assessment procedure

The assessment of candidates is made by the Life Sciences Award Committee. The committee will consist of:

- the Academy's Science Secretary (chair) and at least one other member of the RIA, nominated by the Senior Vice-President;
- up to three others nominated by the Senior Vice-President, having consulted with the Science Secretary;
- a representative of the award sponsors; and
- one or more international external assessors, who will be invited to provide a report for the final assessment.

The tasks of the committee will be to select:

- a shortlist of candidates (this will normally be two to three, and only exceptionally more than this); and
- a list of appropriate international external assessors.

The committee will consider the external assessors' reports when determining the final choice for the award.

The RIA Gold Medal in the Life Sciences will be awarded again in 2020.