

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY  
THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY  
MICHEL DÉON PRIZE FOR NON-FICTION 2020

The Royal Irish Academy Michel Déon Prize for Non-Fiction 2020 will be awarded to the book the judging panel consider to be the best work of eligible non-fiction for the prize. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

In selecting the winner, the judges will be looking primarily for originality and quality of writing and will also consider contribution to knowledge and/or public debate.

**SHORTLIST**

The judges will choose a shortlist from the nominated titles, with a maximum of six titles and no minimum. The winner will be chosen from this shortlist. Publishers will be asked to provide review copies of the shortlisted books to the judging panel.

**ELIGIBLE BOOKS**

- Eligible Non-Fiction books may come from any of the following categories: autobiography, biography, cultural studies, history, literary studies, philosophy, travel
- Books must be by a single author
- Books can be written in the English or Irish Language
- Books must have been published between 1 August 2018 and 12 April 2020 when nominations close.
- Authors of any nationality, normally resident on the island of Ireland at the time of nomination, are eligible to enter.

**INELIGIBLE BOOKS**

The following categories of book are **not eligible**:

- RIA Publications;
- self-published books;
- practical manuals or guides;
- children's books;
- books compiled by editors or with multiple authors/contributors.

**PUBLISHED DATE**

Where multiple formats of a book are available (i.e. Hardback, paperback, ebook etc.) the publishing date will be the earliest date the book was published regardless of that format.

The judging panel will determine the eligibility of a work for the prize. Its decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## **JUDGES**

The Secretary for Polite Literature & Antiquities in the Royal Irish Academy will nominate the chair and judging panel in collaboration with a Senior Vice-President of the Academy. The chair and the members of the judging panel will be Members of the Academy. The Head of Publications in the Royal Irish Academy will also be a member of the judging panel. The judging panel will have the power to co-opt a maximum of two other members if the submitted books or shortlist requires additional expertise not available to the original panel.

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There is no charge for nominating a book.

Only one proposal per individual is permitted. Multiple nominations for a title do not guarantee shortlisting. The decision of the judges is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Publishers may submit up to three different books for consideration. Publishers please note that if your title is successfully shortlisted you will be asked to provide review copies to the judging panel.

## **CONDITIONS OF THE PRIZE**

The prize for the winning author is €10,000. Shortlisted authors will be expected to attend the prizegiving ceremony in Dublin when the winner will be announced. The author will also be expected to deliver “The Michel Déon Lecture” in France in 2021.