
Guidelines for the *Royal Studies Journal* (RSJ) Annual Book and Early Career/Post-Graduate Researcher's Article Prizes

The RSJ Book Prize:

Launched in June 2015, the *Royal Studies Journal Annual Book Prize* recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of royal studies.

Guidelines for the Annual RSJ Book Prize:

- Authors, publishers, Royal Studies Network (RSN) members, or other interested parties may nominate books, either monographs or edited collections, published **during the previous two calendar years (2017-18)**. Self-nomination is accepted.
- All entries must be based on sound and accurate historical research in the field of royal studies, encouraging further exploration of the historical past and/or the contemporary present. Nominations are expected to make a significant contribution to the field.
- Entries must be submitted by **March 1, 2019** to allow sufficient time for the prize-giving Committee's evaluations. Late entries and submissions that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified. Please fill out the official form on the RSJ website and submit it to the editor at editor.rsj@winchester.ac.uk for consideration.
- The author (or nominator) must liaise with the book's publisher and the RSJ Editor to ensure that **four copies** of the nominated book are sent to the prize-giving Committee by the submission date, **March 1, 2019**.
- Submitted publications will not be returned.

Judging:

- The prize-giving committee looks for rigorous and original research, and convincing results expressed in clear and effective prose. Edited collections must

be cohesive and all chapters must be equally strong and relevant to the field of royal studies.

- Decisions concerning the prizes lie with a panel of four people for each of the prizes, consisting of the President (*ex officio*), two other members from the *RSJ* prize-giving Committee, one of whom will be an editor of the *RSJ*, as well as a representative of the *RSJ* editorial team, chosen by the prize-giving Committee.
- In the event that insufficient entries are received, or should the standard of entries be insufficiently high, the judging panel reserves the right not to award a Prize.
- Nominations will be subject to double-blind review by experts in the field.
- The deliberations of the prize-giving Committee remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- The winner of the Book Prize will receive an award of £50. Formal bestowal of the prize will be made at the annual Kings & Queens conference (to be held in June 2019 in Catania, Sicily) and in print in the *RSJ* (with an accompanying interview with the winner) as well as on the Royal Studies Network website and official blog.

Nomination Checklist:

- **Guidelines** – Read the guidelines with care.
- **Form** – Complete and send the online application form by **March 1, 2019**.
- **Send** – Arrange for the dispatch of **four hard copies of the nominated book** (or e-book) with the Editor of the *Royal Studies Journal*.

Early Career Researcher/Post-Graduate Annual Article Prize:

Launched in June 2015, the *RSJ* Early Career and Post-Graduate Researcher's prize is awarded annually to a current Early Career or Post-Graduate Researcher for the best **published or unpublished** scholarly article-length work (approx. **5,000-10,000** words) based on original research on any topic that falls within the scope of royal studies. The *RSJ* and the prize sponsor are committed to assisting, encouraging, and supporting the

career development of Early Career and Post-Graduate researchers in a highly competitive professional research environment.

Guidelines (for the ECR and Post Graduate Annual Article Prize)

- Entrants for the Annual Article Prize must be current Early Career Researchers or Post-Graduate Researchers. Early Career Researchers (ECRs) are researchers who are within 5 years of the start of their post-doctoral research careers when they submit their applications. Post-Graduate Researchers (PGRs) must be working towards a PhD, or equivalent research doctorate, commenced within the last 5 years.
- All entries must be based on sound and accurate historical research in the field of royal studies, encouraging further exploration of the historical past and/or the contemporary present.
- Nominations are expected to make a significant contribution to the field.
- At the time of application, applicants must not be in a tenured or permanent academic position.
- Entrants may make only one submission to the Prize per calendar year.
- Please fill out the official form on the *RSJ* website and submit it to the Editor at editor.rsj@winchester.ac.uk for consideration by **no later than March 1, 2019**.
- Contributions will be accepted on a year-round basis, with a submission deadline of **March 1, 2019** for inclusion in the current year's prize campaign. Articles (approx. **5,000-10,000 words**) should be submitted in electronic form as a Microsoft Word file, typed double spaced (including notes and citations), and documented in accordance with *RSJ* house style (see our submissions page for guidelines).
- Submissions acceptable to the editors will be subject to double-blind review by experts in the field.
- The submission must represent either original unpublished work, or work published **during the previous two calendar years (2017-18)**, either as a peer-reviewed article in a journal or a chapter in an edited volume. If the work has been previously published, the author is responsible for securing permission for reprinting in the *RSJ*.

- **Judging:**
- The selection committee looks for rigorous and original research, and convincing results expressed in clear and effective prose.
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- In the event that insufficient entries are received, or if the standard of entries is not sufficiently high, the judging panel reserves the right not to award a Prize.
- Nominations will be subject to double-blind review by experts in the field.
- The deliberations of the prize-giving Committee remain confidential. All recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final, and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- The Prize winner will be announced at the next Kings & Queens conference (to be held in June 2019 in Catania, Sicily), and in print in the *RSJ* (with an accompanying interview with the winner) as well as on the Royal Studies Network website/official blog.

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- **Guidelines** – Read the guidelines with care.
- **Form** – Complete and send the online application form by **March 1, 2019**.
- **Send** – Send the nominated Article or Book Chapter electronically to the Editor of the *Royal Studies Journal* at editor.rsj@winchester.ac.uk by **March 1, 2019**.

Eyes on the Prizes – We Look Forward to Receiving Your Entries for 2019!

