

**FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS –
ROYAL STUDIES JOURNAL 2021 BIENNIAL
EARLY CAREER AND POST GRADUATE ARTICLE PRIZE**

We are delighted to announce our first call for nominations for our inaugural 2021 Biennial Early Career and Post Graduate Article Prize sponsored by the Winchester University Press. In the past, we have awarded our Book and ECR/PGR Article Prizes annually. However, after consultation and considerable discussion in 2019, and in the interests of streamlining our annual campaign, doubling our annual prize purse, and concentrating our efforts, we refreshed and relaunched our annual prize campaigns for Best Book and Best ECR/PGR Article as alternating biennial campaigns. The prize is worth £100 and will be awarded at the Kings and Queens 10 conference to be hosted by the University of the Highlands and Islands Centre for History from **29 June-2 July 2021**. The book chapter/article prize winner will also be featured in the December 2021 issue of the Royal Studies Journal—if the article is unpublished it will be published in the issue and if it has already been published, links and full publication details will be given or if the publisher gives permission, it may be reprinted in the December issue. There may be honourable mentions for highly commended runners-up.

To nominate a piece for consideration for the prize, **you must complete the [online form](#) AND send a copy of the article or chapter to the RSJ (editor.rsj@winchester.ac.uk) by 31 March 2021**—see further details below on the submission process.

Guidelines for the Royal Studies Journal Biennial Book Prize:

- Authors, publishers, Royal Studies Network (RSN) members, or other interested parties may nominate article or book chapters, either published or unpublished.
- Self-nomination is also accepted and welcomed.
- Published book chapters or articles must have published during the period **2018-2021**.
- Articles which have not yet been published should be formatted as per the style guide for the *Royal Studies Journal* ([see our Submissions page for details](#)).
- Early Career scholars are defined as those **within five years of the award of their doctorate or post-graduate research degree at the date of nomination** for the prize.
- All entries must be based on sound and accurate historical research in the field of royal or monarchical 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 **31 March 2021** 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 submit an electronic copy of the article (PDF or Word format) by the final submission date of **31 March 2021**.

Judging:

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

- Decisions concerning the prizes lie with a panel of up to four people for the prizes consisting of the President (ex officio), up to 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 a minimum of two 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 ECR/PGR Article Prize will receive **an award of £100**. Formal bestowal of the prize will be made at the annual Kings & Queens conference to be hosted by the University of the Highland and Islands Centre for History from **29 June-2 July 2021**, and in print in the *Royal Studies Journal* issue 8.2 (to be published in December 2021).

Nomination Checklist:

- Guidelines – Read the guidelines with care.
- Form – Complete and send the online application form by **31 March 2021**. Here:
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