

2025 Royal Irish Academy Gold Medals in the Humanities

In 2025, the Royal Irish Academy (RIA) will present the RIA Gold Medal in the Humanities to an individual who has made a demonstrable and internationally recognised, outstanding scholarly contribution to the Humanities (Archaeology, Classics, English, History, Irish Language, Modern Languages and Linguistics, Musicology, Philosophy and other cognate or related areas).

The 2025 RIA Gold Medals are sponsored by AIB.

Eligibility

- Eligibility for candidature is restricted to persons who are usually resident in Ireland.
- Candidates must be currently making a distinguished, demonstrable, and internationally recognised scholarly contribution to their field.
- The work underpinning this this scholarly contribution will have been undertaken while candidates have been working in Ireland.
- Candidates are expected to be research active at the time of nomination.
- Please note: serving RIA Officers are **not** eligible for candidature.

Nomination procedure

A nomination must be made using the online [RIA Gold Medal Award Nomination Form](#).

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is **Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 5 p.m.**

A proposer and a seconder are required, at least one of whom is a Member (or Honorary Member) of the RIA, and/or a current member of one of the RIA multi-disciplinary committees, and/or the head of an institution designated under the Higher Education Authority Act (2022) or a Higher Education Institution based in Northern Ireland.

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The completed nomination form should contain a citation of no more than 850 words for the candidate, prepared by the proposer and/or seconder, as indicated in the nomination form. This should be supplemented by:

- a supporting statement of not more than 400 words, prepared by the proposer and/or seconder, outlining the candidate's scholarly achievements and contributions;
- a brief up-to-date CV for the candidate (using the [narrative CV template - word document version](#)); and
- a list (no more than twenty) of the candidate's most important publications to date, including evidence of current research, with an evaluation of no more than 850 words by the proposer and seconder of the five most ground-breaking publications. Nominators are requested to provide access to or a copy of at least two of the five selected publications to assist the award committee in their assessment of the nomination. Where the selected publication is a book, please provide access to a chapter from that publication.

Diversity

The RIA seeks to ensure greater gender, disciplinary, institutional, and overall diversity in all of its activities. In the event that, at the close of the call for nominations, the RIA is not satisfied that the nominations received are fully representative of the diversity, and especially the gender diversity, of the field, the nomination process may be reopened. Should the RIA continue to have concerns in this regard the assessment of nominations will not proceed, and the Gold Medal will not be awarded.

Assessment procedure

The assessment of candidates is made by the Humanities Award Committee. The RIA's Humanities and Social Sciences Secretary will chair a committee consisting of:

- a panel of at least five Members of the Royal Irish Academy or its relevant Multi-disciplinary committee members nominated by the Senior Vice-President, having consulted with the Humanities and Social Sciences Secretary.

The tasks of the committee are to select:

- a shortlist of candidates (this will normally be two to three, and only under exceptional circumstances more than this); and
- a list of appropriate international external assessors. The award committee will invite one or more international external assessors to provide a report on shortlisted candidates for the final assessment. The committee will consider the external assessors' reports when determining the final choice for the award.

The Humanities Award Committee procedures will be subject to Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality processes.