

The Sir Edmund Whittaker Memorial Prize (2021)

Rules

1. Prizes will be awarded for published work of particular merit in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, mathematical physics or statistics.
2. Normally, the Whittaker Prize will be awarded biennially, but an award may be withheld if no eligible work of sufficient merit has been published.
3. The prize will be £1000.
4. At 1st January in the year of award, a candidate for a prize must be within 12 years (not including career breaks/periods of part-time working) of the date of completion of their PhD.
5. The candidate must be a graduate of a Scottish University or have been engaged in research in Scotland for at least three years.
6. A candidate cannot be a trustee of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society nor have previously been awarded a Whittaker Prize.
7. The prize(s) will be awarded by the Society's General Committee, which shall set up a Prize Committee to advise it.
8. The Convener of the Prize Committee shall normally be the President. Its members will normally be chosen from Scottish Universities, with due consideration being made for academic breadth, geographical spread, gender balance, and other aspects of equality, diversity and inclusion. No-one eligible for a prize may serve on the Prize Committee.
9. The General Committee may waive any of the above rules in special circumstances.

Conventions

1. As a first step, all members of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society are invited to make confidential nominations for the prize accompanied by a short (approx. 150 words) supporting statement.
2. Members of the Prize Committee are entitled to make nominations and the Prize Committee is responsible for ensuring that no strong candidate is overlooked.
3. Those making nominations are asked to assist in obtaining up-to-date curricula vitae for their nominees and submitting these along with the nomination. An indication of the date of completion of the nominee's PhD should be given (see convention 6 below).

4. The Prize Committee screens the nominations and makes a preliminary list of candidates for further consideration together with names of appropriate external referees. After references are obtained the Prize Committee makes a final recommendation.
5. The General Committee has decided that the value of the prize to be awarded should be £1000. Exceptionally, it is possible to award two prizes each of the full amount if the Prize Committee wishes to make such a recommendation.
6. Note that in Rule 4, the date of completion of the PhD should be interpreted as date of the viva on the basis of which the award of the degree of PhD was recommended. In interpreting this rule the Prize Committee will make allowances for any breaks in continuity in mathematical work since the PhD was completed.
7. The Society's trustees are the members of its General Committee.
8. When possible, award of the prize(s) is made at the Annual General Meeting.