



GUIDANCE NOTES FOR RSS HONOURS AND AWARDS TO BE AWARDED IN 2027

Honours to be awarded in 2027

- Guy Medal in Silver
- Guy Medal in Bronze
- David Cox Research Prize
- The Barnett Award for Environmental Statistics
- Bradford Hill Medal for Medical Statistics
- West Medal for Official Statistics

Further information regarding nominations and the role of the Honours Committee

- Recipients of RSS honours and awards are regarded as role models in our field, and as such are expected to have exhibited high standards of professional ethics as set out in the [RSS Code of Conduct](#).
- Nominations for awards should be made on the appropriate form (included on the webpage describing the award) accompanied, if required list of publications of the candidate, or links to further information.
- The Honours Committee will not consider additional letters of recommendation or support and so these should not be solicited or sent.
- When making a nomination, please consider the award criteria carefully and ensure that it is met – the nomination form is designed to guide you through the process.
- During each award round, the Honours Committee considers nominations based on information provided and its own research. It does not have the authority to introduce additional candidates and therefore it is important that individual fellows, members of our committees and sections, special interest groups and local groups, take seriously the need to make appropriate nominations, and that nominations are actively sought from appropriate outside bodies and individuals.
- After making recommendations for awards, the Honours Committee has the authority to decide whether to carry forward any unsuccessful nominations to the succeeding year. If it does so, the original nominators will be contacted and asked if they wish to update the nomination.
- The Honours Committee will also review these published guidelines in the light of experience and make any recommendations for amendments to Council.
- The formal task of the Honours Committee is to make recommendations to Council, which then takes the decision to make the awards.
- In any given year, no individual may be awarded more than one of the Society's medals, and no medal may be awarded to more than one individual.

- All awards are given only to fellows of the Society other than Honorary Fellowship where they can be a non-member.

Notes on Joint Authorship

- The award is made to an individual
- Where the nominee's work is jointly authored, the nomination must clearly establish the nominee's distinct and substantial contribution
- Examples of supporting evidence may include:
- A statement outlining the nominee's role in the research
- Complementary work or publications that demonstrate their capability and independence.

Timeline

- Nominations for awards to be given in the following year open in June. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31 October.
- The Honours Committee meets in November/December to consider all nominations and agree on award recipients to be recommended to the RSS Council.
- RSS Council to confirm recipients of awards in January/February.
- Award recipients are notified in February/March.
- Awards are publicly announced in March.
- Awards are presented at the RSS annual conference in September.

All nominations or queries are to be sent to honours@rss.org.uk